

Constituting a Governor, should also appoint him such a Stipend as it shall judge proper, without the Consent of the People, and at their Expence; And whether, while the Judges of the Land and other Civil Officers in the Province hold not their Commission during good Behaviour, their having Salaries appointed by the Crown independent of the People hath not a Tendency to subvert the Principles of Equity, and endanger the Happiness and security of the Subject.

In Addition to these Measures, the House have wrote a Letter to their Agent Mr. Deberdt, the Sentiment of which he is directed to lay before the Ministry, wherein they take Notice of the Stipend of the Act for preventing Mutiny and Desertion, which requires the Governor and Council to provide Enumerated Articles for the Kings Marching Troops, and the People to pay the Expence, and also the Commission of the Gentlemen appointed Commissioners of the Customs to reside in America, which Authorizes them to make as many Appointments as they think fit, and pay the Appointees what Sums they please, for whose Mal-conduct they are not accountable, from whence it may happen that Officers of the Crown may be multiplied to such a Degree as to become dangerous to the Liberties of the People, by Virtue of a Commission which doth not appear to this House to derive any such Advantages to Trade as many have been led to expect.

These are the Sentiments and Proceedings of this House, and as they have too much reason to believe that the Enemies of the Colonies have represented them to His Majesty's Ministers, and the Parliament, as factious disloyal and having a Disposition to make themselves independent of the Mother-Country, They have taken Occasion in the most Humble Terms to assure His Majesty and his Ministers, that, with regard to the People of this Province, and as they doubt not of all the Colonies, the Charge is unjust.

The House is fully satisfied that your Assembly is too generous and enlarged in Sentiment to believe that this Letter proceeds from an Ambition of taking the Lead or dictating to other Assemblies - They freely submit their Opinion to the Judgment of others, and shall take it kind in your House to point out to them anything further which may be thought necessary.

This House cannot conclude without expressing their firm Confidence in the King, our Common Head and Father, that the united and dutiful Supplications of his distressed American Subjects will meet with his Royal and favourable Acceptance - Signed by the Speaker.

A true Copy. Attest Samuel Adams Secy.

His Excellency informs this Board that in Consequence of the foregoing Letters he sent the following Message to the Lower House of Assembly.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly.

The King, our most gracious Sovereign, having been informed, that a Circular Letter, a Copy of which hath been communicated to His Ministers, was in February last sent by the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Colony of Massachusetts to the Speakers of other Houses of Assembly in North America, hath been pleased to order it to be signified to me that he considers such Measure to be of a most dangerous and factious Tendency, calculated to inflame the Minds of his good Subjects in the Colonies, to promote an unwarrantable Combination, to excite and encourage an open Opposition to, and Denial of the Authority of Parliament, and to subvert the true Principles of the Constitution; but, while I notify to you his Majestys Sentiments, with respect to this Matter, I am also to tell you, that the repeated proofs which have been given by the Assembly of this Province, of their Reverence and respect for the Laws, and of their faithful Attachment to the Constitution, leave little Room for his Majesty to doubt of their shewing a proper Resentment of such unjustifiable attempts to revive those Distractions which have operated so fatally to the Prejudice of both the Colonies