

but if His Ldp please to present it to his Successor in the
Office. I must beg the favour of you, to get it properly superven-
ed. I have also by way of Answer writ to the Comm^{rs} of
Trade, submitting it to his Ldp's pleasure to deliver the
Letter or not. Your Observation on the latter part of the
Assembly's Address in Answer to my Message, with the Earl
of Holderness's Letter & your Reasoning with respect to
the Law of 12^d pth is certainly well grounded, but as no
good End could have been answered by my engaging at that
time in a Dispute, which would probably have attended my
sending a different Sort of Answer to their Address I hope
neither His Ldp nor you are displeas'd at my declining it.
The truth was, they were very averse to closing with my
Recommendation to them to raise a Fund for Arms, & not
knowing how to dissent openly from my Proposal they
agreed to excuse themselves by modelling such an Answer as
you saw but if they should ever seriously insist on the
Deduction from the 12^d there mentioned which I do not think
they will, I will undertake to argue the matter with them &
you may be assur'd will never make the least Concessions in
Prejudice of his Ldp's Rights or Pretensions.

It really gives me some Concern to find, by your favour
bearing Date 17th April. that the Merch^{ts} pretend they have cause
to complain against the Legislature, of this Province for enacting
the Supplementary Act to the Act entituled an Act for the

relief,