

depend that if these people offend they shall not escape with Impunity  
but while their Behaviour is unexceptionable, it would be hard to  
take any Measures that may be called Persecution. The Lower  
House have thought proper to address me again on that Subject,  
I have answered them with all possible Temper & Coolness, but in  
such a manner as I hope will convince them there was very little  
Room for an Address of that Sort, & prevent their presenting such  
another for the future. I find that in your last Lett<sup>r</sup> to Col<sup>o</sup>. Loyd  
You express a little surprize at my having denied to issue such  
Licences (as it should seem Col<sup>o</sup>. Loyd had expressed himself) &  
give it as your Opinion that I might issue such at present as  
has been usual if applied for. You will be pleased to remember  
that in my Lett<sup>r</sup> dated the 8<sup>th</sup> of August 1764 I writ fully on this  
Affair & desired your farther Directions thereon, inclosed you have  
an Extract of that Letter to which I should be glad to be favoured  
with an Answer. You say I might issue such Licences as have  
been usual, I hope Col<sup>o</sup>. Loyd acquainted you that none have ever  
been granted but in the Year 1734 or 35, & as His late Lordship would  
not prosecute such Persons as piloted without Licence, nor assist those  
that were Licenced Pilots in carrying on such Prosecutions, No Body  
thought proper afterwards to apply for a Licence. Now, as I cannot think  
it for His L<sup>dy</sup>s Interest to attempt any thing but what he is sure  
of carrying, as otherwise a Chamour might be raised, & nothing gained  
to His L<sup>dy</sup>ship or his Govern<sup>t</sup>. I was unwilling to issue Pilots Licences  
which would be by the Enemies of the Govern<sup>t</sup>. called an Innovation  
till I was properly advised in what manner I should support His L<sup>dy</sup>s  
Right, & carry his Instructions properly into Execution, In being thus  
cautions I hope you will believe I intended Nothing, but Good  
to His L<sup>dy</sup>, but if you think I erred in judgment, be pleased to  
before desired you to signify His L<sup>dy</sup>s will with respect to this