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W. Belchiers inviting them 3 or 4 several times to shew
themselves not unmindful of their Country & unworthy of the
British Name that they seem to have had nothing else in
view at their meetings but to shew the greatest ~~Disre-~~ Disre-
gard of & Contempt for the old Gentlemen's Recommenda-
tions. A Quaker Sect for the most part composes the Penit-
-entia Assembly who in 3 successive Meetings have absolutely
refused that their All was at Stake, to advance a Shilling
unless their Governour would make such Concessions to them as
his Instructions particularly forbid him to think of. The
Assembly of South Carolina have as yet I think shewn no
less Backwardness to engage in the Cause, & the sinking entirely
by gross Mismanagement a Sum of £12000 Proclamation
money which North Carolina granted last Spring for the
Service, before the Companies raised therewith could possibly
advance to the Scene of Action. I am afraid will not incline them
very readily to repeat their Vote. & tho the Virginians have
been prevailed on to give £20000 for their own Defence
beside the £10000 which has been long since expended, & our
Assembly may possibly be induced to make an Addition to
what they lately advanced yet I cannot hope with such
parsimonious Supplies as these to be able to execute the
Commission I am honoured with with any great Splendour; I wish
I may be able to do it with some small Reputation. It is
expected I apprehend from your Letter that the Germans who
have imported themselves into these Provinces will be found as
ready as they are capable of bearing Arms on this Occasion, but
I can assure you that whatever Character they may deserve