

similar Accounts from other Parts of North America not at all  
telling Your Ldp that the Inhabitants of this Province met  
by their Example or actuated by the same Spirit were not satisfied  
with expressing their Indignation against their Countryman Mr  
the Distributor by hanging or burning him in effigie, but having  
in the Night of the second Instant assembled to the Number of three  
or four hundred in or near this place pulled down a House which  
he was repairing for the Reception of a Cargo of Goods that he had  
it seems imported for Sale. Being very uneasy & much terrified at  
the contemptuous Treatment he had since his Return from England  
met with from his former Acquaintance, & the violent Proceedings  
of the Populace who really are not to be restrained on this Occasion  
without a Military Force Mr Hood intimated to me that if I thought  
his Resigning the Office would reconcile his Countrymen to him  
& would advise him to take that Step he would even do so, but as  
I could not take upon myself to give him such Advice & both he  
& his Relations doubted whether he could while the Ferment  
continued be safe in mine or any other House in the Province he  
has retired for a few Weeks to New York. To what Lengths the  
People who have made such a Beginning may go to render the Act  
of Parliament ineffectual I cannot tell, but am very apprehensive  
that if the Stamp Paper was to arrive here & be landed at this time  
it would not be in my Power to preserve it from being burnt as there  
is no place of Security here wherein it might be lodged, & the Militia  
is composed of such as are by no means proper to be appointed a Guard  
over it, if therefore a Vessel should soon arrive here with the Stamp  
Paper I shall caution the Master against Landing it & advise him