

of the Two Acts of Parliament which had then passed, One for securing the just Dependence of the Colonies on their Mother Country the other for the Repeal of the Act granting certain Stamp Duties in America, I now do myself the honour to acknowledge my Receipt thereof, & also of the Copy therewith transmitted of the Resolutions of the House of Commons which together with your Letter I shall lay before the Assembly of this Province as soon as they meet which however cannot be before the End of the Summer: As soon as Copies of the two abovementioned Acts of Parliament came to my hands I caused them to be published, & had the Satisfaction to hear & see that the Inhabitants of this Province in general were affected with a proper Sense of the Moderation, Forbearance, & Lenity of the British Parliament lately manifested with respect to the Colonies, I flatter myself they are already disposed to pay the most cheerful Obedience to the Legislative Authority of Great Britain, & all the Laws now existing. (Tranquillity & good Order is now perfectly restored here, & the late Distractions will I hope soon be forgotten; the Resentment sometime ago expressed against the Person that was appointed to distribute the Stamp Paper here is entirely subsided, & he now resides & carries on Business in this Place to as great Extent & Advantage as he did before his Appointment: Such a sudden Alteration in the Face of things & in the Behaviour of the People encourages me to hope that there is an End to all Uneasiness & Discontent & Murmuring, & am inclined to think His Majesty's Subjects within this Province will for the future be more studious & Gratitude, & to the Mother Country their Thankfulness & Affection.) You may Sir be assured that no Endeavours of mine shall be wanting to instill & encourage such Sentiments & to effectuate what you are pleased to recommend.