

to America & Your L^{dy} may be assured that due regard will be
by me paid to such Opinion of His Majesty's Attorney & Solicitor

To Lord Hillsborough. Annapolis 22^d June 1768
Y^{rs}. & My L^{dy}.

The Letter Your L^{dy} was pleased to transmit to me the 21st of April
together with a Copy of One from the Speaker of the House of Representatives
of the Colony of Massachusetts having been by me received the 20th of this Month
when the Assembly of this Province happened to be sitting I immediately com-
municated the Contents to the Lower House, hoping that when His Majesty's
Sentiments with regard to the Step taken by the Massachusetts Assembly
were so explicitly made known to them they would drop any Design
they may have adopted in Consequence of the Letter from Boston, but
the Result was to my great Mortification just the reverse of what I
wish'd it to be, for after ruminating upon my Message more than a Day
they presented to me this Afternoon the inclosed Address whereupon an
End was put to the Session & I should have immediately dissolved the Assembly
had not Experience taught me that no Step is so likely to attach the
People to their Representatives as a sudden Dissolution & that on a new
Election instantly following none are so likely to be left out as those
Members who appeared averse to violent Measures. The Time to which
the Assembly now stands prorogued is the first Week of October but I shall
not permit them to convene at soonest before next Spring, so that if Your
L^{dy} pleases to order it they may be dissolved before another Session, at
least they will have Leisure to consider coolly the Consequences that may
attend their bringing on the Province His Majesty's Consent I am

To Sir William Johnson. Annapolis the 27th June 1768
Sir The General Assembly having met here the 25th of last Month I communi-
cated to them the two Letters You were pleased to favour me with the 1st
May 1767 & the 25th of March last together with a Petition subscribed by