

Let His Ldp & those in Authority under him pursue such Measures as they
will always be able to justify in the End & will engage that a vast Major-
ty of the Upper Class of People will become Friends to His Ldp & well wishers
to his Govern^t. A few of these Gentlemen are already in the House & was
the War once brought to a Conclusion so that there would be no further Ob-
ligation on me to convene the Assembly so often in order to solicit Supplies
& ask for Money, with which the People in general are as loth to part
as with their Lives I should flatter Myself that Things would soon put on
a very different Face & all publick Business be transacted with as much
Order & Regularity as it was ever carried on in any former Period. If His Ldp
& You will only consider what Lengths the Violence of Assemblies has car-
ried them during former Wars & particularly when Mr Ogle & Mr Bladen
were successively Governors I think You will not be surprized at the Part
which the Lower House of Assembly has acted since the Year 1764 but
rather wonder how they have been foiled so much as they have been for I
think I may without Vanity say that as often as they have thought of it
to attack me from the time they began with the Roman Catholick Affair
I have vindicated my own Conduet; & am of Opinion that the Iniquity & the
Unreasonableness of their Proceedings have been also exposed by many of the
Messages which were sent to them from the Upper House. This being according
to my Notion a true Representation of Things, being not conscious of having
taken any Steps since I have been honoured with His Ldp's Commission
which I am ashamed of or unable to justify, I am scarcely sorry for what
has passed being satisfied that Peace with the Assembly could not have been
purchased or obtained in such a Situation of Affairs unless I had forfeited