

in my Opinion, of the Propriety of that measure. Who pray are said to be, those Persons
of Rank, Fortune, & superior Capacity whose long Course, of important Services have
gone unrewarded; if there are any either in or out of the Council, who have devoted
so much time, to the Business of His Ldps, his Govern^t. as Mr Aidout hath already
done, who are better acquainted with the Constitution, or political History of the Province
& have so much Inclination, to serve His Ldp, the Letter-writer would, have done
well, to point Them out & then His Ldp, & Yourself, would, have been, able to judge
of their Merit. To shew how obnoxious Mr Aidout is there, would it seems according
to this Gentleman's Account have been an Address against him last Session if I
had not very abruptly prorogued the Assembly a new Mode of Demonstration
this to appeal to what did not happen & indeed can now never come to pass, was
the ingenious Writer to be asked, what part of Mr Aidout's Conduct was to have
been the Subject of such Address I wonder what Answer he would give to the ques-
tion, for if they could have laid to his Charge, any Transaction which he would
wish to conceal, wherefore did they not insert his Name, in the Address that was
presented against Mr Darnall & others, I am sure they took time enough to
frame that Address & as sure am I that if any thing could have been alleged
against Mr Aidout they would not have let the Opportunity slip. That the Assembly
was prorogued, before the Lower House, addressed me to dismiss them is certain but it
is as certain that all the Gentlemen, of the Council, present who were six in Number,
desired me, in pressing Terms to prorogue, them alledging that they had been sitting near
a month, without doing the Business for which, alone they had been convened & had
shown by the Bill, they had framed, entitled, "An Act for Encouraging a Collection
publication of the Laws of this Province", by their Votes in consequence of the Ma-
tion for a College Bill, & by their Proceedings relative to an Address to His Majesty
that those Members of the Lower House, who were left (for all the Moderates
were gone off) had nothing in view but by offering such Laws as they had
not pass to lay a foundation for Popularity against the ensuing Election.