

was brought to a Conclusion I received by the Post from New York a  
Letter from Ld Hillsborough with a Copy of a Circular Letter said to have  
been sent by the Boston Assembly to the Speakers of the other Colony Assem-  
blies exhorting them to apply by Addresses to His Majesty's against the  
new Act of Parliament imposing Duties here on Goods imported from  
Great Britain. In what light this Circular Letter was seen by the Ministry  
Your Ldp will be able to judge by my inclosed Message which contains the  
Substance of it, & which I apprehended I could not avoid communicating  
tho I suspected it would interrupt the harmony which had before subsisted  
during the whole Session, at first the Members seem'd to be divided about  
it & to be undetermined what to do but on Wednesday when all the Acts  
were ready for the Fiat the zealous Patriots produced their Answers to  
my Message or rather to His Ldps Letter in such Terms that had not  
the Business of the Session been finished I must have thereupon put  
an End to it, to have acted up to His Ldps Instruction, & indeed I do  
not know but I may be now blamed for not dissolving them, but had  
I done so it would in my Opinion have answered no other End than  
to raise a Ferment here & perhaps in the Neighbouring Colonies for the  
People would be apt to consider it as a Common Cause, & perhaps not to  
have taken the least Notice of this Circular Letter would have been  
the best Way to prevent its having the intended Effect, & if the Assemblies  
had address'd the Thing as it were unanimously in consequence of it their  
being actuated to do so by such Circular Letter might have been given  
as a Reason for the Addresses being rejected or disregarded which would  
probably have made the Colonies sick of the Measure, but as Ld Hills-  
borough's Letter seem'd to leave Nothing to my own Judgment I immedi-  
ately on the Receipt thereof acted agreeably to what I apprehended was  
His Intention & I embrace the earliest Opportunity thro Your Ldps hands to  
give His Ldp an Account of my own Conduct & of the Proceedings of the  
Assembly - I am &c.

The other inclosed Lett N<sup>o</sup> 10 to Ld Hillsborough is not of material consequence  
nevertheless I likewise send Your Ldp a Copy of it.