

should be good manners in all persons not to treat and interfere before they presume to make any presumptuous resolution of so high a Nature as this may be

13 We cannot but to represent to your Excellency that the very last Assembly held in the time of the late deceased Governor Anno 1692 It was put to the Vote of a full house whether the holding of Courts and of Assemblies at Saint Marks were a Grievance or not and Carried in the Negative

14 At which time we humbly conceive that house did well Consider all difficulties as well as the vast Charge and Expence they already had been at / to no purpose if the Courts &c should be removed / as also what must necessarily follow / and it may be to as little purpose / in building of new Courts and Offices in other places and making provisions for the holding and keeping the same besides the hazards and Casualties of Removing and transporting the Records from one place to another of which already some Experience hath been had

15 To remove some Scruple and Objection and as we humbly conceive the main one that hath been made against the Conveniency of the place that the Gentlemen the members of the house have been forced to their great Trouble oftentimes to travell on foot from Saint Marks to St Marys and so back again

It is humbly proposed and we do Offer to Oblige ourselves forthwith and so soon as possibly Wharfen and Materials can be provided for the Greater ease and Conveniency of all persons at such times as also at all other times to provide and procure a Coach or Carr and or both to go in all times of publick meetings of Assemblies and Provincial Courts &c every day daily between St Marks and Saint Marks River and at all other times once a Week and also to keep constantly half a dozen Horses at least with suitable furniture for any person or persons having Occasion to ride Post or otherwise with or without a Guide to any part of the Province on the Western Shore

16 That the Situation of the place being not in the Center of the Province and consequently not so convenient for some persons to Apply to We hope the Proposals there may somewhat Mitigate that Objection besides we humbly represent even the place of our Nativty the Kingdom of England and the Imperial Court there held in the City of London as far from the Center of England as Saint Marks in this Province Boston in New England Port Royal in Jamaica James Town in Virginia and almost all other their Majestys American Plantations where are still kept and continued in their first Antient Stations and places the chief seat of Government & Courts of Judicature