

In your 4th Article you desire that justice would be done into his Protection the Justice of Peace as those that serve his Majesty for no Reward by You seem by this to Intimate that the Justices are all Outlawed for all other Persons are under his Majesty's Protection and his Excellency has never restrained that Protection either to Justices or others so long as they carried themselves in dutiful Obedience to his Majesty and his Laws for ever there has been several Justices lately questioned for levying Tobacco on his Majesty's Subjects Contrary to Law some of whom appeared innocent and were discharged and others Manifestly Guilty and are you unwilling Agreed that those were questioned for their Misfeasance and the Country reimbursed the Tobacco so wrongfully taken from them or must none be questioned thereupon ever so strongly bound but such as are before hand proved Guilty we are sorry to find such arbitrary Temper as reigns in some of you and that you can so easily disguise and Impose it upon others

To your 5th Article denning his Excellency to Abstain from calling the Clerks of the Committees the Clerk of your House you mean upon Oath to discover all done and you may be sure through this disguise We perfectly understand what you drive at why all this Trouble and Care to keep your words and Actions in the dark will they not endure the Light if in your Consultations you proceede upon the rules of Honour & Honesty which in your Station you ought what matter who knows it but if under the Pretence of serving your King and Country in this Eminent Station you are any of you managing base Designs Against his Majesty's Government and the Country why should not such be detected and others thereby cautioned but it is plain you would not have your words and Actions known which is enough to create Suspition & it is much unlike those honourable Gentlemen who you would equalize your selves with the House of Commons who every day make publick their Proceedings

Your 6th Article About Juries which you say is a Bulwark against Arbitrary Government and pray that no Jury may at any time be troubled menaced and forgoing their Verdict according to their Consciences; Nor bound to Answer &c and that those Juries that are Bound to Answer may be discharged this is something of the same nature with your Request About Justices the Substance of which is that both may do as they please without being subject to Answer their Errors or Misfeasance and it is your Aggravance that the Kings Government does not suffer it what is this but to remove the Kings Government and place it in those hands under your Conduct and Guidance for it seems you would not have them Subject to Answer but when where and for what you direct

No Gentlemen we are sworn to serve his Majesty and to our utmost to Preserve the Peace and quietness of this Province and that consists as well in being a Terror to evil doers as a Praise to them that do well and that we Intend Waunge all Oppositions or Pretended Aggravances and with what Labour or Pains you can demand to have those Juries now bound to Answer discharged when you do not know whether they are Guilty or not and before any Trial had of what they are charged we can't Imagine nor you can't well Account for we are sure

Thus Gentlemen we have taken more pains than your message deserved to Give you an Answer to it and it is only for the sake of many Honest and Loyal Gentlemen belonging to your House who are ready to Credit others that are not so well