

are not made the part of the province,  
but ~~we~~ Law downed we believe they will  
increase for ~~both~~ both are daily infirming  
their Doctrines with other by ~~the~~ goodly growth  
employing their utmost Endeavour to prevent  
them from their Religion and some have been  
arrested upon; though we hope by ~~the~~ assistance  
of that Law and the Labours of good men to put  
a stop for the future to such things. In fine  
May it please you? If there design is not  
only ag<sup>t</sup> that Law but ~~of~~ establishing protestant  
Religion here; and that there might be no more  
Countenance given to it now under the ~~the~~ Govern<sup>t</sup>.  
than was under the ~~the~~ Baltimore, who was a  
papist, and (as they say) to it was Liberty of Conscience  
to all without public Countenance to any; but we  
are assured by ~~the~~ Mr. Mathews valour &  
conduct he preserved our Lives and Fortunes from  
Destruction; nor left our Religion also, and we  
hope to enjoy both and at the same time prevent  
the Quakers ~~and~~ of Dissenters in them, while  
they will live it with peace & Justice, with  
which we will beg your Lordships pardon for  
intruding to Congratulate your patience &  
beg leave to subscribe -

Yours most humble

Obdient Servant

John Smith

In the Year

1700

the 10th of

the 10th of

John