

to allow them unto for the necessary employment we are  
 forced upon in a Crop at this time of the year most of  
 us having no other means of subsistence than the same.  
 Besides your Honour's directions being such as that none  
 of the said Laws are to be recorded by us and enacted by the  
 Lieutenant General in your Lordship's name without  
 the whole Body should be Received by us without altera-  
 tion addition or diminution to it in a serious Perusal  
 whereof we find in several Parts of it such things as are  
 not Convenient or as we conceive it just to Pass and so  
 in that Respect have thought it most prudent all not  
 to meddle at all with the foresaid Body of Laws but to  
 Reflect only on such things as may give your Honour  
 for the present most satisfaction and Comply most  
 to the utmost of our weak capacity and present poor  
 Condition with what we conceive your Honour most  
 to point and aim at which if we do not mistake are  
 Chiefly your viz. that the Country may be preserved with  
 Peace and defended and Governed with Justice <sup>634</sup> 2 that  
 some Competent Support may be raised to your Lordship  
 of the same and your Lieut<sup>635</sup> here 3 That a stock of Cattle  
 may be raised again for your Lordship and lastly that  
 all should be satisfied who had concurred to the Regain  
 and Conserving of the Country in Compliance with all  
 which we have first chosen and selected out of all your  
 Lordship's Laws such as seemeth to us most conducing to  
 Confirm a long desired and settled peace among us and  
 have further added such others of our own as we conceive to be  
 most necessary and best Suitable to our present Condition  
 and towards a future support out of this Colony to  
 your Lordship we have with all loyal Expressions