

Honour and us your poor people here we do further hum-
 bly request your Lordship that hereafter such things as
 your Lordship may desire of us may be done with as little
 Swearing as Conveniently may be Experience teaching
 us that a Great Occasion is given to much Perjury when
 swearing becometh Common Forcitures perhaps will
 be more Efficacious to keep men honest then swearing
 Oaths little prevail upon men of little Conscience and
 lastly we do humbly request your Lordship hereafter to
 send us no more such Bodies of Law which serve to little
 other end then to fill our heads with suspicious Jealousies
 and dislikes of that which verily we understand not
 Rather we shall desire your Lordship to send some short
 heads of what is desired and then we do assure your Lord-
 ship of a most forward willingness in us to give your
 Governor all just Satisfaction that can be thought reason-
 able by us and whereas your Lordship doth seem to be
 Greatly distastet and disgusted at William Tomson your
 Lordships old Servant through some information which
 have been given your Lordship of his Comportment
 here in aiding and siding with the Rebels against your
 Lordships Governor and Government which Information
 we do assure your Lordship to be most false Proceed
 rather (as we may suppose) out of hatred and spleen
 towards him then any Good Affection or Love to your
 Lordship for before any thing was proceeded upon in the
 Assembly William Tomson was Culled and strictly ex-
 amined before the Governor and Council and the whole
 Entry (and nothing at all could be proved against him
 wherewith he was accused to your Lordship that verily