

charters that we should have all such Jurisdiction that  
 as the Bishop of Durham at any time heretofore  
 ever had exercised, or enjoyed, or might have had  
 exercised, or enjoyed in Temporalities within the  
 Bishopricke or County Pallatine of Durham in  
 Kingdome of England, since we are well satisfied  
 by learned Commentaries, and such as are  
 read in Antiquities that the Bishop of Durham  
 before Henry the Seventh his time heretofore  
 of England had, and did exercise all Royall  
 Jurisdiction within the said Bishopricke or  
 County Pallatine, though of later yeares this  
 Jurisdiction was much diminished by an  
 Act of Parliament made in the time of the said  
 King Henry, And this we thought fit to signify  
 unto you, for your better satisfaction herein, But touching  
 the scruples and exceptions aforesaid are so weakly  
 grounded that although we are confident that  
 most of the Assembly (through want of due con-  
 sideration, or understanding of the true reasons of  
 those who suggested those scruples unto them,  
 and not of any evil intention towards us, did  
 the present we have their consent unto all the said  
 laws sent by us. Yet it is known to all understanding  
 men that those suggestors had other secret rea-  
 sons why they opposed those laws, then those pretended  
 ones on the Peoples behalfe, and such as tended to  
 prejudice of our Just Rights there, which they  
 thought not fit publicly to avow least the Gene-  
 rally of the People should out of their loyall affe-  
 ction and fidelity to us, should dislike them, and obstruct  
 their further designs therein, Now it is well known  
 there that some have heretofore acquired great  
 portions of land in that Province from the King  
 and have possessed them without our consent, or  
 grant from us, And have presumed to dispute  
 their pretended Titles thereto even with us  
 and our Right, making a question what Right  
 King of England had to grant any thing there, And  
 we doubt if they had had power would have main-  
 tained it by force against us, But wanting that  
 the present, they have and do still it seemes  
 your to obstruct any thing which may tend to the  
 manifestation, strengthening or publick acknowledgement  
 of our Right to the land, and dominion of that  
 Province, Hoping perhaps hereafter, if they  
 by maintaining Fellowship between us, and