

and do sincerely acknowledge that His Excellency Governour by the fairest Measures and fairest administration of the Lawes we are capable of understanding and therefore have not the least apprehension of his invading our Rights and Priviledges. We firmly believe ourselves and those we represent to be within the benefit of all liberties and Priviledges of English free borne Subjects, being granted to this Province by His Majesty Royall predecessor Charles the first of England and generally used in the Government of this Province.

We believe our Sacred Sovereign exposed His Royall person to great Hazards for the preservation and Mayntenance the Rights and liberties of those Dominions to which we belong, and therein has been perpetually protected by an immediate Finger of Gods. as all attempts of His Enemies to the contrary. And therefore as it hath always been usuall for parliamt. under good and gracious Kings to have reiterated and Confirmed to them, their Ancient Rights and liberties both in Church and State, which we find by experience they have frequently petitioned for and obtayned, We cannot distrust but what His Majesty will graciously grant the same to us, at our humble Motion &c. we humbly offer these Reasons why that Clause may be continued in the Law

First we find that King in his grant of that great Charter annexed the liberties and Priviledges of the Church and State together, comprising them in one grand tho in severall paragraphs or Chapters.

Therefore we hope His most Sacred Majesty will accept of our Invitation thereof and cannot but believe us to be forgetfull of ourselves if omitted by us.

2^d We find the same again joyned in one Charter to the Lord Battenour for the Seating this Province (viz: the propagation of the Church and the Liberty of the Subject declared in the same Charter.

3^d We find that when His Majesty was graciously pleased to take the Governmt. of this Province into His hands, the first Law that was made here was declaratory of the Rights and Liberties of the Church and Subject also contained in one and the same act.

And if we after all these and many more examples of the like Nature which in this juncture we have not tyme to collect, we should as we do earnestly endeavour to propagate and Maynteyne our Duty to God and the King, and forget those we represent, we must believe we are wanting to ourselves since they have not in anything we have seen been separated.

We humbly desire they may be joyned and not omitted in this. And therefore humbly desire that these or^r Reasons may be taken into Consideration.

And we pray to God to bless us and our posterity as our Conciences witness our Integrity in this matter - Signed for the W. Bladen Ch. Assembly