

Mr. Walter Campbell and Doctor Jacob Lookeman appeared in the House.

Mr. Speaker brings in to the House the answer to his Excellency's Speech which was ordered, by him to be prepared, which was read, viz.

May it please your Excellency

We Humbly thank you Excellency for your Ingenious Speech and Declaration of your Mind to us whereof you were pleased to let us have a copy and we assure you Excellency that of certain Character we have heard of your Excellency's Just and Prudent Government and Candid Testing of his Majesty's Subjects in other parts of America gives us full assurance that you Excellency will practice the same to us without any apprehension of the contrary and that your Excellency will cast upon the true reflection of his Majesty's serene and Gracious aspect and you shall surely find his Majesty's Subjects here of an Ingenious Humble obedient and Loyall disposition and as sincerely endeavouring that nothing shall discomform the good Harmony you wish to find as Law and duty can oblige a well satisfied people too the many benefits this Province has received, by being taken into his Majesty's immediate protection.

We gratefully acknowledge and admire the Greatness of his Mind, that this more vast and Important affairs in Europe are so easy to him that he can Condescend to give particular Consideration of this Province. We are Glad to find ourselves so much in his Care, and Confess it a great blessing to be under his Government. We pray God long to preserve.

That Notion of his Majesty and Country Interest differing and Interfering so prejudicial and fatal to Concord and Unity is never imbibed by us they do not understand us that informed you, and although you Excellency serving his Majesty in a higher Station than any of us may render your Loyalty more conspicuous yet we will contend that ours shall be uniform and proportionable and as we never had any apprehension that his Majesty would retrench us of any of those Rights and Priviledges here which we have in England so we will we always Esteem his Royall prerogative sacred and hope we shall never see it misapplied to personall Strife and Contests nor to Justify any violent Action.

As to the Church affairs we are Glad to find you Excellency so willing to Joyn in the promotion of it, so we shall always be ready to concur with you Excellency so far as the Capacity of the Province will reasonably admit.

We are sufficiently assured of your Excellency's good Intentions and inclination to assert the Interest of this Province and to doe us Justice and are in an Especiall Manner pleased to find in your Excellency that a parties of Mind that Cleanly and freedome from prejudice and prepossessions of bad opinions against any Man and desire you will believe us all honest Men lett us all indifferently take the advantage of your good Government and applye his Majesty's Grace and favour in Common Matters indifferently to us all till any Mans actions bespeake him otherwise.