

all to our
ed for your
all persons
from forgery
affairs in
for punish-
and —
distributing them for good ones, and ~~the~~ ^{putting} a fine on all
openers of other mens letters, ~~which~~ ^{such} practice is
soe frequently used in this ~~Province~~ ^{and} abroad every where
but in an ~~English~~ (Country) to our great scandall, for the
Right Honble W. Secretary Hodges his Letters to me have not
scap'd the Knavish inspection of those sort of men; there
are others I shall presume to communicate to the House of Burgs
by Message.

And now W. Speaker and you Gent. Delegates give
me leave to mind you of my own small concern the Houle
of my House with the necessary repairs and Amendments
about it and the out houses; for without those little Addition
I could expect no comfortable being

Gent. I can never believe it was any disgust to my
person or a slight to her Majestys directions in that
point, you refused building the Govern. a house (which our
neighbour at first word granted to theirs) but the low unfor-
tunate circumstances the poor Province Labour'd under, for
which reason I refused ^{it} 56. a year above the rest of the Island
at; when you were pleas'd to offer it, and lett the matters
rest without any Reluctancy or uneasiness till we know each
other better.

Therefore as you never found me more wary or true.
I cannot Doubt your Justice in this trifle, what I have Express'd
amounts to 47: 13: 6 to the truth of which I can solemnly
depose: I have Observed in some Speeches of a ~~predecessor~~
very ingenious winning passage; That he had putt the
Country to no charge; Its true I have, but be so just to
those were halcyon days of Peace and tranquillity, mine
of warr and hurly burly abroad and at home; w^hich
threaten us a now; but I appeal to every Gent. here
to justify me in the truth of this modest A.