

(Read in the House the Letter excommunicatory of Mr William Watts & his Excuse answered of Mr Joseph Hill & Mr James Kay and say how Excellency will send his Messages in Answer forthwith.

Ordered Mr James Wootton attend the House for Prayers at Eight o'Clock in the Morning and then the House sitt and in the Afternoon by Adjournment of the House and that Capt Richard Jones acquaint him therewith

The Honble John Hammond Esq, from the Council enters the House & acquaints Mr Speaker that his Excellency commands their Attendance at the Council Chamber.

The House adjourns to the Council Chamber where his Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech to them.

Mr Speaker and your gentlemen Delegates,

Since our Meeting now is by her Majesty's special Command I do doubt not but the great good Things so earnestly recommended to your serious Consideration for the Good & Welfare of this Province will be unanimously approved of and asserted to by you its Representatives that what her Sacred Majesty has so wisely and graciously concerted for your future Happiness & Grandeur may enrich y^e and succeeding Generations.

Gent.^s No Monarch that ever swayed the English Scepter has had a more tender Regard for all her Subjects than her present Majesty and tho she has been engaged in a great chargeable War ever since her Accession to the Throne her Cruelly generous Endeavours have not been confined to Britain alone but an unwearied Tenderness is diffused over all her Majesty's Colonies & Plantations abroad and more especially to us and our Neighbouring Planters witness her Majesty's timely Interposition with the King of Muscovy for if that Grant or Project had not been stop't you might in good Measure bid adieu to the Tobacco Trade in America whilst the divided Interest & Sentiments of Merchants at home in Relation to the setting up and curing the Casian Tobacco's had speedily crown'd our ^{Ruin} ~~ruin~~. Next her Majesty's opening a Trade with Spain which has already so very good Success many Spanish Vessels have been cleared in ~~London~~ that brought their Wool and Commodities hither returning thence with our English Manufactures. This Trade must prove a certain Advantage to all our Plantations by the Vicinity ^{and Commerce} of the Spanish West Indies for I would have you consider tis not a true Spaniard but a Spanish French King is our Enemy.

Thou her Cruelly sage in passing an Act to encourage the Transportation of Naval Stores from her Colonies that all her Subjects abroad may truly reap the Benefit of their Industry & Labour equal with those so immediately under the gracious Influences of her Royal View and Patronage: for the Master's Tar