

Mr Speaker, I have so just a regard to the welfare and Reputation of this Province to hope I shall never see that Day. therefore let me advise you Gentlemen, who are elected to serve your Country, as you have now always endeavoured to preserve her gracious Majestys Honour and do not be led away by the cunning Informations of designing wicked Men to ruin the Crowns of our indulgent Sovereign, since tis evident the Practice and Principles of such Impiety in Government will soon ruin your Constitution and constellate the Covinity of this already poor languishing Province.

Gent. I must acquaint you her Majesty has been pleased to disapprove of two Laws lately made here Viz. That against Masters cropping Tobacco on board their Ships and the other about the Gauge of your Tobacco Hogheads and her Majesty commands me to tell you tis her Royal Pleasure that we in this Province conform to the Size of those in Virginia and recommends a new Law to be made for that Purpose Her Majesty thinks Sir Thomas Lawrence was hardly used by the late Assembly who made a Law to cut off the Benefits of the Ordinary Licenses from his Office which the late Attorney General Sr Simon Harcourt judges to be the lawful Perquisites of her Majestys Secretary here. Mr Speaker shall have the said Attorney Generals Report and her Majestys Order thereon who is graciously pleased to recommend a Law to you Gent. that the Ordinary Licenses may be appropriated to the Office of her Majestys Secretary of Maryland for a longer Duration of Time than three Years, and shall likewise shew you the Order which the Right Honourable the Lord Commissioners of Trade & sent me about this very Complaint which plainly shews her Majesty earnestly recommends this Bill to your consideration, by which you will easily guess what ill consequences may follow your Refusal; therefore hope you will be so prudent to shew your ready Compliance herein.

Mr Speaker, I have repeated Instructions about the four Justices who are appointed to hold the Provincial Courts and Annually go their Circuits twice and am commanded to let her Majesty have speedy Notice what Provision the Country has made to enable them the better to go through the Fatigues of their constant Attendance on that Duty. Let your concurrence therefore be hearty and cheerful while its in your Power and banish all flattering Whispers which advise you to swallow such a pernicious Notion that you Gent. here assembled are wiser than the vast Crowds of her other great Dominions, who unanimously with open Loyal Hearts run to obey and serve her Sacred Majesty the Queen.

Her Majesty seems concerned the last Assembly threw out the Bill for punishing those that at any Time should raise or disperse false News during this war and am commanded to offer it anew to you Gentlemen Delegates, nor can I believe any reasonable well meaning Man to the Government will ever be against it.

Gent. There is an Arrear due to the poor Men employed to secure your Magazine during your late Disturbances and was my very great Concern to preserve the Peace of the Country, I'm sure its your Part to see those paid and rewarded who were so ready and vigilant to serve the Public - Gent. Its high Time to look into the many Immoralities of this unhappy deluded Country, where Drunkenness, Adultery, Sabbath breaking and Forgery are a Jest, Murders trifled and the Malefactors glory in it Treasons thought a Trifle and the Abettors careles, Magistrates grow careles and the Offenders impudent till these Things are in some measure amended by your Pudence and Example I have but slender Hopes your Debates can be successful. But as we are all willing to be called Christians let us in our several Stations act like Men who deserve that noble excellent Character that the Heathens round about us may not continue to mock at our Hypocrisy and despise at our Religion and let that Magistrate be stigmatized with Infamy who ever commits or countenances any sort of Knavery or Oppression.