

It is impossible ever should forget the late audacious attacks and rebellious practices of many disgraced persons in the Government against the Most Gracious Sovereign and King George our Lord King & your and that at a time when the Rebels & his Majesty's Enemies of great numbers were in the small measures and from us by the hopes of prevailing against us, so your Ensigns scale on that occasion for his Majesty's service and exact discharge of your duty in turning several reasonable proclamations to suppress their seditions and treasonable devices and to detect their practices especially that proclamation wherein your Ensign offered and since has given a considerable sum of money out of your pocket for the discovery of these our Enemies the Great Enemy in this very in the Night of the last supposed anniversary day of the Birth of the Crown commonly called the Birthdays and upon hanging to condemn punishment the offenders lately proceeded before the special courts of High and Low Court and your delivery will ever remain a lasting proof of your loyalty to his most sacred Majesty, Fidelity to his Majesty & your inclination to preserve the peace and wellfare of this Service for all which our many more acceptable benefits we have received from your Ensign, our administration of the Government ever since the have been so happy to have you beside ever us, you are obliged in duty and gratitude to return upon our most thankful acknowledgments, which we humbly desire you to accept from our hearts as well as hands —

It will be very to find the Right Honourable our Lord Propy should be prevailed on by the artifices of any sort designing persons, who can have no good will to our peace or prosperity any time regard to his Majesty's interest, to step of so many branches of the powers and authorities he has bestowed upon you by his Majesty's Commission for the Government he's and wish you personally to be certainly preserved under the Royal and particularly that relating to his Majesty's Office which by the laws of Great Britain and his Majesty's Royal Instructions are positively lodged in your Ensign but more particularly that those powers and trusts should be contrary to the Queen's laws as well of Great Britain as of this Service: he must be from your Ensign, and interested in the hands of Papists otherwise refuse to qualify themselves for the execution thereof by taking the oaths appointed by our acts of Assembly, and that whilst you are Ensign according to the duty of your Station is doing his Majesty's Service by endeavouring to obstruct their proceedings upon the Government and Constitutions here we are given to understand, that it is by their malicious insinuation your authority is so much diminished that you have been obliged to write to his Majesty and his Most Noble Guardian to beg leave to be recalled since you conceive you can no longer serve his Majesty not only in regard to your honour and Character but in that you have it, your power to oblige many persons to forward his Majesty's interest upon any ^{particular} occasion those officers and shall not being in your disposal whereby to

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