Faithfull to your Lpps we must in Complyance there with to be just to our Countrey;-

May it please your Lpp's — Your Lordships Instructions relating to Ordinary Lycences has been Communicated to us this Session by Your Lordships Lieut Governour by Which Your Lordships are pleasd to, Insist upon the fines to be layd upon Ordinary Keepers as a right to Your Lpp's by prerogative on which We Observe our predecessors in all the proceeding Assemblys of the late Reigne have maintained their Pretencons that such fines Could not be Imposed or Leveyed Without the Consent of the people here against the most pressing impertunities of the late Secretary tho: he had Obtained her late Maj:tys ord: in Councill in his favour when the Goverment of this province was Imediately under the Crown -

We presume your Lpp's Secretarys are not unacquainted with the reasons then Offered in Your favour and we hope they may have yet Some weight;-

We Should think our Selves justly Lyable to y: Censures of those we represent if we Should now give up to your Lordships as a matter of Right what our Predecessors have so much Contended for and Even Refuse to give up to the Crown - and therefore we must entreat Your Lpp's to Excuse of our Complyance in that affair, and that your Lordships will be favourably pleased to approve of the law made this Sessions in relation thereto and accept such fines as Shall arise thereby dureing the Continu:ce of that law as a Grateful acknowledgement of the many favours we have of late reced und: your Lordships Goverment —

From the Indulgences ap: Lordships have already given us on our late Address we are Incouraged to make known to your Lpp's the great want of Good Liturature within this province whereby many good [illegible] of little Use that might Otherwise