

and Properties of the Good People of this Province are strengthened thereby
Such free Declarations Comme as that your Lordships would not have
Disparted unto the Act for the better Supporting the Magistrates in the Admin-
of Justice within this Province, had it not been out of a tender regard to the
preservation of the Rights and Liberties of an English Subject, a principal so
Just and so beneficent, it fills us with pleasure to perceive, that Justice and
Plomoney are like to become the Rules of your Lordships Government

But given us leave in most humble Manner to represent, that the parties
from mentioned in that Act did never apply himself to the Judges here, upon
that Occasion altho he had very little reason to apprehend any hardship there,
from the treatment he met wth all a few days before upon his refusal to make such
reasonable Acknowledgm^t of his Indecent and Insolent behaviour to our Govern^r.
in the Court of Chancery & elsewhere; as is required of him by your Lordships
Letter to him for that purpose, this gives a great deal of reason to believe
the subtle Inimination & false allegation of that Offer, presented upon these
Eminent Gent^l of the Law; to give their Opinions as they have been transmitted
to us - We humbly submit to your Lordships Opinion that Laws made against
persons: & post facta if not unjust are at least, domd severe, But such was the
Case of that particular person, that frequent Excuses brought on repeated Trans-
gressions and pardoning instead of humbling him, made him so much the more
Insolent, whereupon the Legislative power seeing all Authority of Government
Slighted and Contemned, took in hand the affair, and made the Act aforesaid
as the only Effectual Discouragem^t to such like practices for the future

But for as much as your Lordships have been pleased to disapprove of
the Manner of tating any particular Cause, to a Gen^l bill, we have just
a Defence for your Lordships Opinion in the said that we have now proceeded
to remedy the said evil by two distinct Laws - My Lord we make no
Question but that the Advancem^t of Learning is in this your Province will
be a very acceptable thing to you yet for as much as the narrow circumstances
of an Infant Country (all our friends raised for that purpose falling far short
of the end Designed) will not alone afford suff^{ic} Encouragem^t thereto, w^{ch} I say
is under a necessity of addressing your Lordships upon this Occasion, for
altho the Condition of most of the people here has little Claim to a truly generous
and liberal Education yet abundance of Youth, now growing up, are indubitably
Destitute of those sound Improvem^t w^{ch} Nature hath made them very capable
of for the rendering them better Christians better Subjects to his Majesty
and better Qualified persons for the just Discharge of the sev^{er} trusts, to which
your Lordships your Successors may have Occasion to appoint them
various in the Offices of State as in the Distribution of Justice and all other
the Offices of Life - We humbly beg leave to lay before your Lordships
that by an Act of Parliam^t of the 25th of King Charles the second an Act of
one penny of w^{ch} was laid on all wares transported from Plantation to
Plantation the whole of w^{ch} Revenue by the Royal Donation of the late
King William the third of glorious Memory was appropriated to the building
and maintaining a College of Learning in Virginia ever since which the good
People of this Province have paid large Sums of Money to wards the Encouragem^t
of Learning there w^{ch} the Distance of the Place & the great Charge of Schooling
Children hath made altogether useless to us for such persons as are of ability
to Defray such Charge Choose rather to educate their Children in Great Britain
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