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The Lenity with which he has long governed his Subjects in Germany, the deference that is payed his Consummate Judgment by all the Princes of Europe and strong indications how happy a people we may be under the influence of one of the greatest as well as one of the best of Kings that ever swayed the British Scepter our Religion is secured in his Royall person not by the effect of a refined policy, but by an exemplary practice of the truth and purity of his principle.

Who can doubt our Laws will be maintained and our liberties preserved when they are protected by a just and mighty Prince that has been soe farour an asserter of the liberties of Europe agt all bold Invaders.

The noble disposition of his Royall Highness the Prince of Wales the generous Courage he soe early exerted in the field and the numerous offspring which Providence has given him affords a pleasing view of a continued source of happiness to us. What can we desire now but that the good God will preserve such invaluable blessings to us and make us dutifully sensible of them.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

I am to acquaint you that I laid before you the last assembly an Instruction from her late Majesty to revise the Laws of this Province, and have since received his Majesty's Commands to be observant of those Instructions. The necessity of this soe useful a work is obvious from most of your Laws being very defective, soe that I need not enforce any further what is soe much to your advantage, but must recommend to you to pursue it with application, my observation of your past Journals makes it evident to me and your own experience will inform you that long and frequent Assemblies are grievous burdens to the people. At my first arrivall in this Province I layd before your house a Law lately passed in Virginia for the improvement of the Tobacco Trade, in which there are many useful things to advance that Staple in this County, but having since received an Act of Parliament from great Britain justly entitled An Act for the Encouraging the Tobacco Trade which provides abundantly for your relief and answers all the ends of the Virginia Law - I am now of opinion you will not employ much of your time in it particular. The great consideration of the Crowne in part with soe invaluable a branch of the Revenue in your favour I mean by passing that Act for the encouraging the Tobacco Trade and the immediate benefitt and advantage you will reap from it will be demonstrated by the act itself which I shall send down to your house for your perusall.