

The house mett again according to adjournment ^{of} sent as on yesterday
Then was read the proceedings of this house on yesterday.
Col^d Matthew Tilman Ward from the Committee of Laws delivers
Mr. Speaker an Answer to his Excell^{ty}s Speech which being read is
approved off and Ordered to be entered as follows, Viz^t.
To His Excellency the Governour

May it please your Excell^{ty}s.

W^{ch} the Delegates of this Province
at this time assembled begg leave to returne your Excell^{ty}s our most hearty
and unfeigned thanks for your most favourable Speech and humbly begg
leave to joyn with your Excell^{ty} in expressing our thanks to Heaven for the
Most Excellent (Majesty King) Georg^es peaceable Succession to the
Throne of his Ancestors the most happy remedy w^{ch} could alleviate the
grief we are truly affected with for the loss of the best of Queens.
Nothing can make us more truly sensible of the greatness of this
 blessing then to see our Religion Laws and Liberties secured in his Majesty
Royall person and Issue which puts an effectuale stopp to those
intimations that were secretly dispersed thro his Majesty's Dominion
that those invaluable advantages were in danger than which nothing
would be more grievous to us and which is now entirely removed
by his Majesty's peaceable possession of the Crowne according to the
Settlement of the Succession in the protestant line to which we shall
strictly adhere and always endeavour to approve ourselves a dutifull
and Loyall people.

W^{ch} shall apply ourselves with the utmost diligence to the Inspection of
our Laws and to supply the Defects that shall be found therein.

W^{ch} humbly submit to your Excell^{ty}s opinion that since there has
been an act of Parliament lately made in great Britain for the encourage-
ing the Tobacco Trade it will not now be necessary for this house to
enter upon any thing of that Nature in this Province. And it is with
the utmost sense of gratitude imaginable we acknowledge that most
gracious Condescension of the Crowne in parting with soe Considerable
a part of the Revenue for our Relief - Nor can wee forget the tender
care the Parliament of great Britain has expressed on our behalf
in y^e particulars. W^{ch} are soe fully Satisfied how great a benefit the
encouraging the making of Hemp would be to the Province w^{ch} if the
act made the second day of Aprill Anno Domⁱ 1706 for encouraging
the making of Hemp and Flax within this Province shall not be found
by experience and further observation sufficient to that end wee shall
very readily proceed to a further Consideration thereof and begg
Your Excell^{ty}s and the Hon^{ble} Counsell's Assistance therein.

It is with infinite Satisfaction wee perceive your Excell^{ty}s good