

have no good will to our peace or prosperity and true regard to his Lordships interest, to lose of so many branches of the power and authorities he has been pleased to grant you by his Commissions for the Government here, and which you formerly so worthily executed under the Crown and particularly that relating to the warrell offices which by laws of great Britain and his Majesty's Royall Instructions are positively lodged in your Ex<sup>ty</sup>, but more particularly that these powers and Trusts should contrary to the known laws as well of great Britain as of this Province be wrested from your Ex<sup>ty</sup> and entrusted in the hands of Jesuits who have refused to qualify themselves for the execution thereof by taking the oaths appointed by our acts of Assembly, and that whilst the Lord Proprietary your Ex<sup>ty</sup> according to the duty of your Station is doing that Lordship the Lord Proprietary what we take to be most eminent & acceptable service by endeavouring to obviate these encroachments upon the Govern<sup>t</sup> and Constitutions here we are given to understand, that it is by their subtle insinuation your Authority is so much diminished that you have been obliged to write to his Lordship and his noble Guardian to beg leave to be recalled since you conceive you can no longer serve his Lordship not only in regards to your honour and character, but in that you have it not your power to oblige many persons to forward his Lordships interest upon any Emergent occasion those offices and trusts not being in your disposal whereby to recompense their Services.

It is a great grief of mind to us and therefore we shall not fail to address his Lordship the Lord Prop<sup>ty</sup> and his Noble Guardian and lay before them the unhappy consequences of your Ex<sup>ty</sup> removal the very thoughts whereof strikes such a Damp upon our spirits that we are scarce able to express the Miserys we may well fear are so likely to break in upon us by an Inundation of slavery and slavery should our adversaries prevail against us which we have already by their obtaining those Commissions (to much reason) to be apprehensive of.

We begg your Ex<sup>ty</sup> will always retain a just sense of our grateful acknowledgements for the Civill and just treatment you have been pleased on all occasions to afford us but more especially for your supporting the protestant Interest in this Province against which your Ex<sup>ty</sup> person and Fortune may noe sinister Artifices or evil devices of your and our Enemies ever prevail.

We are Sir,

With much affection and Sincerity  
Your Ex<sup>ty</sup> most obedient humble

Sent up Engrosed to the As<sup>ly</sup> House by Mr. Cordley,  
which address was signed by the Members of the As<sup>ly</sup> House and by