

as a matter of Right what our Predecessors have so much
contended for and even refused to give up to the Crown.

And therefore we must entreat you to excuse our Compli-
ance in that affair, and that your Lordships will be favourably
pleas'd to approve of the Law made this Session in Relation
thereto and accept such Fines as shall arise thereby, denoting the
continuance of that Law as a Gratefull acknowledgement of the
many Favours we have of late rec^d. and to your Lordships
Government.

From the Indulgences a^{pp}: Lordships have already
given us on our late address we are encouraged to make known to
you the great want of good Literature within this Province whereby
many good Geniuses are of little use that might otherwise be ornaments
to the Country & serviceable to your Lordships Interest, the Funds at present
raised for y^e support of schools being very inconsiderable except what
arise from the impost of 10^s p^o pound by the Statute of the Twenty
fifth of Charles the second Cap: 7th on the exporting Tobacco hence-
to sundry his Maj^{ty}s Plantations which by his late Maj^{ty}
King William 3rd of pious Memory was applied to the support-
ing a free school in Virginia w^{ch} by us — removed from this
Province renders it wholly useless to any of its Inhabitants.

We therefore humbly beg your Lordships remembrance of us
when any opportunity shall offer to your Lordships for y^e advancement
of this Province in so necessary a part.

We return your Lordships our hearty thanks for the care of the
Rt Hon^{ble} Francis Lord Guilford to our former address and the
assurances therein given of protecting us in the Protestant Religion as
also in our Civil Rights and Liberty neither of which we think in y^e
least Danger under your Lordships declared Resolutions of Government
having an Intire Confidence in your Lordships Constant adherence
to the true Faith of the Church of England and in the present administration
of your Lieut Governour, who amidst the various shocks he has met
with, we may with boldness affirm, has with a resolute Constancy
endeavour'd to promote your Lordships truest interest here by
defending the Hon^{or} of your Gov^{rn}ment and the R^{ts} and principles
of the people under it with impartiality, by whose Exhortation and
Generous Example we shall never be wanting to show a true Christian
principall of Charity in laying aside and endeavouring to remove all
feudal^{ities} amongst us, and since your Lordships have been pleas'd
to accept of our humble opinions in relation to the affairs of this your
Province so we beg leave to assure your Lordships if we shall always
be very sincere therein and do farre exceed our rights & privileges