

Family), as Governor of this Province, the Place of your Nativity; and return you our hearty Thanks for your kind Speech at the Opening of this Session, and the good Wishes you are pleased to express for our Interest and Happiness.

There are many Things necessary for our Consideration, of which we are sensible your Excellency, in the short Time you have been among us, cannot have had Opportunity of being apprized: And although it is with the greatest Reluctance, we mix any Thing like Complaint with our first Address to you; yet his Lordship's, the Lord Proprietary's, Dissent (lately published), to the Act made last Session, Entituled *An Act for the Assessment and Payment of the public Charge of this Province* whereby the Execution of that Act has been retarded, and great Part of the Money, although collected, is still retained in the Hands of the Sheriffs, and the public Creditors deprived of it, is a thing so extraordinary, and attended with so many ill Consequences to the People whom we represent, without any one good End to his Lordship, that we know of, that we cannot, consistent with our Duty, pass it over, without complaining of it, as a high Infringement of our Rights; but as we have no Room to suppose your Excellency had any Share in this Matter, we only mention it to you, in order to pray your Concurrence in such Measures as we shall endeavour to take for remedying those ill Consequences; which Concurrence we cannot doubt of obtaining, since you have so kindly offered it, in every Thing tending to the Safety and Welfare of the Province.

OUR own Safety, as well as your Excellency's Recommendation, will necessarily lead us to consider what Arms and Ammunition may be necessary for our Security, and to make such Provision therefore, as the present Exigency may require, and our Circumstances admit of. And we do very sincerely assure you, that nothing shall be wanting on our Part, to render your Administration easy and agreeable to you, consistent with the Trust reposed in us by our Constituents.

Being prepared was ordered on Behalf of the House, to be signed by the Honourable Speaker; which being done,

*Ordered*, that *William Stoughton*, Esq; and Mr. *John Magruder* acquaint his Excellency therewith, and that this House desires to know when and where he will please to receive it: They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, the Governor will receive it in half an Hour, in the Conference-Chamber.

*Ordered*, That the Address to His Excellency the Governot be presented by Mr. Speaker, attended by all the Members of the House.

Mr. Speaker