

as entrusted with the public Safety, should guard
with Vigilance every important Measure, tho' the
Danger to be guarded against, may rest only in
Possibility. The intercepted Letters from Admin-
istrations to your Excellency, we own, furnish
grounds for Conjecture, and Apprehensions only of
your having held an injurious Correspondence; and
which we reflect on the general Tenor of your
Excellency's Conduct, the friendly Dispositions you
have often manifested, and the several favourable
and impartial Representations you have made to
Administrations of the Council, and Principles of
the People of this Province, we sincerely lament
the Necessity of the Times, which urging us
to guard against every Possibility of Danger,
forced us to a Measure so disagreeable to, and
which may prove an unmerited Treatment of
your Excellency. — We acknowledge, Sir