

ASSEMBLY'S ANSWER TO HIS EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH.

December the 2d 1708.

May it please your Excellency,

THIS Houſe has conſider'd your Excellency's Speech to Us at the Opening this Seſſion, and Return Your Excellency our hearty Thanks for your good Government and Noble Endeavours to ſerve this Province, as well for her Majeſty's Service as the Welfare of the ſame, and doubt not your Excellency's Sincerity therein; We aſſure your Excellency, that this Houſe will endeavour the ſame; and if we find any Evil Minded or Malicious Members amongſt us, we are, and ſhall be always ready to detect and censure them, as being not Perſons fitted with qualifications to ſit among Us.

We are heartily ſorry your Excellency ſhould be inform'd or apprehend, that any Perſon the laſt Meeting appeared in this Houſe to deſpauſe any of Her Majeſty's well meaning Subjects, or to raiſe any Animofities or unneceſſary Feuds; if any ſuch, we are all together united 'gainſt them: But if any private or particular Perſon ſhould be raiſy in ſuch Matters, this Houſe does aſſure your Excellency, that they will uſe their utmoſt Endeavours to prevent them.

AND as for thoſe Paragraphs of your Excellency's Speech, relating to the publick Intereſt, this Houſe unaniouſly agrees to concur with you, in what good Laws are recommended for the Good and Benefit of her Majeſty's Subjects here. and all other things by your Excellency recommended, we will take into conſideration & debate, and will content to ſay nothing further than in our Judgment ſhall be for her Majeſty's Honour and Service, and for the good of her Subjects here.

YOUR EXCELLENCY'S good Government over us, we acknowledge diſcreet, as well for her Majeſty's Service as the good of this Province, and having found ourſelves eaſie under the ſame, do wiſh your Excellency Health and Happyness, and pray You may long continue in Her MAJESTY'S Favour.

Sign'd per Order

Richard Dalton Clerk