

THE  
ASSEMBLY'S  
ANSWER  
TO HIS  
EXCELLENCY'S  
SPEECH.

December the 27 1708.

*May it please your Excellency,*

**T**HIS 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 fittes 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 rebauch any of Her Majesty's well meaning Subjects, or to raise any Animosities or unnecessary Heats; if any such, we are altogether united b'e of them: But if any private or particular Person should be tardy 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 is unanimously 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 consent to any thing further that 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*

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