

L. H. J. deliberated and maturely weighed and it is wished you had considered it as well before you sent it.

You say that upon your application for Philip Clarke's release you were prorogued so that you undertake to assigne the reason of the Gov^r proroguing you, but the reason of your prorogacōn is a secret of his Maj^{ties} and believe never yet discovered to you.

You say that the Gov^r prorogued you, but it seems by your Journall you thought that not sufficient and therefore undertooke to prorogue yourselves.

Its recomended to your Consideracōn whether thereby you have not done more then ever any house of cōmons did and showne your great Contempt of his Maj^{ties} Authority.

You say you think it your duty to Insist of having M^r Clarke released and come to your house.

Gent: You cannot be Ignorant of the crime M^r Clarke's convicted of namely the breach of an Act of Assembly made for preservacōn of the peace of this province by him most notoriously violated and for which he remains under the sentence of the Court for six months Imprison^t as part of the punishment due by the said Law and his conviction was by due process of Law in his Maty^{ties} provincially Court of this province, by the Oaths of a grand and petit Jury and Judgm^t of the Court and by meanes of which he remains his Maj^{ties} prisoner Convict as afor^{sd} from which without his Maty^{ties} Mercy or reversing the said Iudgm^t we know no way to Releve him, and we do not thinke it your priviledge to release him or for his Maj^{ties} Service or your credit to have him with you and we beleive no house of cōmons ever attempted any such thing and if you had considered your duty with your priviledge you would not have offerred it nor have said he stands rightly Qualified in your opinion.

But above all Gent: Your familiarity and pretended Equality with the Right hon^{ble} the house of Cōmons in England is enough to provoke and surprize us at once.

We take the Government of this Province in its farest and Largest Extent to be a power derived from and depending on his Maj^{ty} the King of England, by whose Laws we are bound, and to whose sacred Authority we pay reverence and obedience, and although we have the hon^r to be of his Maj^{ties} Councill of this province yett we are far from pretending to that R^t hon^{ble} house of Lords or R^t hon^{ble} house of cōmons in England, and how you came to pretend to it we know nott.

We do not desire you should be abridged of the least priviledge belonging to you, but when you demands are better