

Original Journal. access to his Ex^{cy} upon all occasions requireing the same which his Ex^{cy} was pleased to Grant them for which M^r Speaker in the name of them all gave his Ex^{cy} the hearty thanks of this house.

Then his Ex^{cy} was pleased to signify to the house the reason of their being now called together by speaking to them as followeth.

Gent.

The last Assembly haveing continued some years I was advised by his Maty^s Council here that notwithstanding all things had been happily Enacted and concerted by them for the advantage of the province yett it would be to the generall Satisfaction of the Inhabitants to have a new Election wherein I am glad to finde soe good a Judgm^t of the people in sending soe many of you whose services in the former Sessions have soe well deserved from them as alsoe the other Gent: that appeare with you whose carracters appeare very faire with me.

I must confess I am much in the Darke as to the State of our Laws w^{ch} are of the Greatest moment to us and were sent home the Last Assembly, and was not without hopes that long ere this I should have rec^d some instructions Concerning them that if there had been any irregularity or false stepps therein to have had it corrected this Sessions, but some unexpected accidents as we are informed have allarmed Europe and noe shipp^s arriving from thence in some time we may Justly Conjecture has been the reall impediments but we are Crowned with that blessing in haveing a Prince and patron that will assert both our Liberty's and propertys with all that vigour Currage and Conduct that our Selves can hope or wish for.

Gent: I have now been some yeares amongst you w^{ch} has given me the opportunity to pass my scene of probation with you and I will venture upon all the Severity that reflection can produce If I have not been strictly just to what I first promised at my comeing into the Government in making you easy both in yo^r persons and purses and hope to rivite and cement that freindshipp which was then created and I shall allways hold a Sincere and open way of Dealing the most effectuall meanes to continue a good Correspondency w^{ch} will Equally conduce to yo^r Satisfactions as well as my owne.

Whatt we are now mett to consult shalbe proposed and comunicated to you in the usuall method of Message and conference and I am morrally assured you will never faile me in those good Expectations I have from you for his Maty^s Ser-