

unnecessary allowance from the several Sherriffs for Transporting or conveying Letters which is a General Grievance by their neglecting the Delivery of them, in any reasonable time; & gives opportunity to designing evil Persons to open & puse them, to the Detriment of many Traders and the Eternall Scandal of the Conveyers without any Sort of Benefitt to the Government or any Person whatsoever but themselves next reducing the sitting of the County Courts to four times in the Year and the whole Expence of the Provinciaall Courts &c Please to Calculate the Charge designed to be saved; You will find it very considerable.

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M^r Speaker

I have fresh Commands about S^r Thomas Laurence who alleadges he has injustice done him; I never injured that Gentⁿ in any manner whatsoever to my Knowledge. Therefore hope you will find out Some Way to Ease me from his clamorous complaints and if the house has put any hardships on his Office without considering he holds it by Pattent under the Great Seale of England, lett it be redressed a Gods name

I am ordered likewise to lay the Conveniency of M^r Dummers Packquett Boates before you; whereby the Governments on this Continent may very Probably hear from England every six weeks; as the Plantations in the West Indies constantly do; for as Correspondence is the life & Sole of all Trade Why should not we endeavour to reap so Experimentall a Benefitt with our neighbours and fellow Subjects for such an inconsiderable comon Gratuity as Postage therefore heartily recommend M^r Dummers proposalls to Your Consideration.

Gentⁿ

As there is a necessity for making some new Short Laws to Preserve the Dignity of the Government the Peace of Your Country & every honest mans Lawful Property & Creditt I have Directed M^r Attorney Gen^l to draw up two or three which shall be Sent from this boarde for Your Approbation, and concurrence; Viz. to prevent all Persons disaffected to her Present Majestys Government from forging and disperseing false and Scandalous Reports of affaires in Europe &c dureing this Present Warr, another for punishment of all Coyners of false Dollars Pieces of Eight &c and distributing them for good ones; and of laying a fine on all openers of other mens Letters; w^{ch} villainous practice is so frequently used in this Province (and abhorred every where but in an Enemys Country to our very great Scandall) for the Right Honble M^r Secretary Hedges his Letters to me have not Scaped the knavish

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