

that his Excellency and Council commands him and the whole L. H. J. House to give their immediate Attendance at the Council Chamber. Thereupon they attended his Excellency at the Council Chamber where his Excellency was pleased to declare to them by his Speech as follows Viz<sup>t</sup>

Mr Speaker and you Gentlemen Delegates

Since we are obliged to follow and observe the Sanctions of our great Pattern, the Parliament of England, we may well conclude (unless some extraordinary Occasion calls for your Assistance) our Meeting now will be the last Session of this present Assembly.

And that Posterity may not put an ill Gloss on our good Meaning I earnestly recommend to you a serious Retrospection into some Laws not long since revised and left now more ambiguous than at first; and the amending others lately made which we intended for good Ones by the House; but are in Reality re infecta particularly that of erecting Ports and Towns which seems not to be sufficiently coercive in some of the most material Branches. Another to outlaw Richard Clarke whose Crimes are so notoriously aggravated they cry aloud for Justice; and therefore cannot doubt of your ready Concurrence in an effectual Clause for the future Ease and Quiet of her Majesty's good Subjects nor the rectifying and amending the others while it is in your Power which will sufficiently testify your good honest Intentions to after Ages

Gentlemen, I am very glad to give you a remarkable fresh Instance of her Gracious Majesty's good Inclinations towards us of this Province in a late Instruction I received to appoint four Itinerate Judges that every Man without the Fatigue and Charge of coming hither may have Justice done him in his own proper County; This Gentlemen, will be a true Encourage- p. 97 ment to propagate good Learning and Literature in the Country, that your Posterity may qualify themselves to perform the Duties of the highest Stations; for at present that seems to be absolutely necessary since her Majesty you Judges born within your own Bounds which is really so inducing a Consideration, you will, I hope, like good Subjects ever gratefully acknowledge Her Majesty's Honble Council have with me truly considered of the most proper Methods to render this her Majesty's Royal indulgent Care of us most effectually good to the Public, and shall transmit you a Scheme drawn up by the best Advice we could procure, which I doubt not will encourage your ready Assistance in a Matter of such Moment to All; if any Disputes should arise how these Judges should be supported, I would never have you forget by whose Authority you sit, and on all Occasions to remember our Royal Sover-