

U. H. J. many Familys of this Province & has sensibly affected the Fortunes of much the greatest number of its Inhabitants

But thanks be to God! the pious Endeavours of our most excellent Queen and the indefatigable labours of her wise ministers are blessed with the Conclusion of an happy peace. Your Ships are now no more exposed to the Rapine of a foreign Enemy Your Trade is free & open so that if you are not wanting to your Selves you have a fair occasion of restoring  
 p. 884 this province to its former flourishing Condition, under the Influence of her Majesty's Auspicious Government and the direction of a ministry zealously disposed to cultivate the Arts of peace nor shall any thing be omitted on my part (with the Blessing of Providence) which may contribute to the Welfare & Interest of the Province whilst I have the Honour to remain in this Station which I owe to her Majesty's royal Bounty

Gentlemen, I am commanded by her Majesty to lay several Instructions before you relating to the good Government of this Province which I have committed to Writing & will send down to the House for their perusal

After which M<sup>r</sup> Speaker and the members of the House of Delegates took leave & returned to their house.

His Excellency having caused the Several recommendations of her Majesty's royal Commands by himself designed to be laid before the House of Delegates to be read & communicated to the Board Viz.

By his Excellency the Governour  
 June the 22<sup>d</sup> 1714

Gentlemen

I am commanded by her most Sacred Majesty in the first place to recommend to your Care the due Support & observance of Religion as by Law Established, that all Debauchery Drunkenness Swearing & Blasphemy may be discountenanced & punished and therefore if you have not Laws Sufficient to Suppress and prevent the like Immoralities you may depend  
 p. 885 upon my ready Concurrence with you in such Measures as you shall advise may be conducing thereto, Nothing being more acceptable or agreeable to her Majesty's pious Inclinations than promoting the Honour & Service of Almighty God or likely to derive a Blessing on Yourselves and Posterity

Her Majesty has commanded me if It be not already done to recommend to you the passing of an Act of Assembly for restraining any inhumane Severities by ill masters or overseers