

U. H. J. to the Settlement of the Succession in the protestant Line to which we shall Strictly adhere and always endeavour to approve ourselves a dutiful & Loyal People.

We shall apply ourselves with our utmost diligence to the Inspection of our Laws and to supply the defects that shall be found therein

We humbly submit to your Excell<sup>ys</sup> opinion that since there has been an Act of Parliament lately made in great Brittain for encouraging the Tob<sup>o</sup> Trade It will not be necessary for this House to Enter upon any thing of that nature in this province, And It is with the utmost Sense of Gratitude imaginable we acknowledge that most gracious Condescension of the Crown in parting with so considerable a part of the Revenue for our Relief Nor can we forgett the tender  
 p. 12 Care the Parliam<sup>t</sup> of Great Brittain has expressed on our behalf in that particular.

We are so fully Satisfied how great a Benefitt the encouraging the making of Hemp would be to the Province that if an Act made the second day of April Anno Domini 1706 for encouraging the making Hemp and Flax within this Province shall not be found by Experience and further observation sufficient to that end we shall readily proceed to a further Consideration thereof and beg your Excellencys and the Honble Councill's Assistance therein

It is with infinite satisfaction we perceive your Excellency's good Inclination in General, to the Welfare & Advantage of this Province and particularly in recommending to us the improvement of navigation, and the Education of our youth; Things which will undoubtedly render us happy in our Circumstances, and considerable to our neighbouring Colonies, and which we think ourselves Obliged in duty to our Country to promote, as far as in us lyes, with regard had to the present poverty of this Province.

We must beg your Excellency's leave to refer what other matters of Weight you have proposed to our more deliberate Consideration

We likewise beg leave to acquaint your Excell<sup>cy</sup> that the good Assurance you have given us of his Majesty's personal Virtues and the true representation of them in your Self together with that extraordinary Zeal & diligence you have always shewn for his Majestys Service & especially by your proclamation of his Rights in the most expeditious manner  
 p. 13 (after notice here) secure us so far of our happy Circumstances, that our common Good obliges us to pray for his