

L. H. J. much Contended for & Even refused to give up to the Crown, and therefore we must entreat Your Lordships to Excuse our Compliance in this Affair, and that your Lordships will be favourably pleased to approve of the Law made this Sessions in relation thereto and accept Such fines as shall arise thereby dureing the Continu<sup>a</sup> of that Law as a Gratefull Acknowledgem<sup>t</sup> of the many favours we have of late received und<sup>r</sup> your Lordships Govern<sup>t</sup>.

From the Indulgences yo<sup>r</sup> Lordships have already Given us on our Late Address we are Encouraged to make known to yo<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>pps</sup> the Great want of Good Liturature within this Province whereby many good Genius's are of Little use that might otherwise be Ornam<sup>ts</sup> to the Countrey & Serviceable to yo<sup>r</sup> Lordships Interest the funds at present raised for the Support of Schooles being very Inconsiderable except w<sup>t</sup> arise from the Impost of 1<sup>s</sup> p pound by the Statute of the Twenty fifth of Charles the Second Cap 7<sup>th</sup> on the Exporteing Tob<sup>o</sup> hence to Sundry his Maj<sup>ty</sup>s Plantations, which by his Late Maj<sup>ty</sup> King William the third of pious Memory was applyd to the Supporting a free School in Virginia w<sup>ch</sup> by its Remoteness from this Province renders it wholly useless to any of its Inhabitants.

We therefore humbly begg your Lordship's remembrance of us when any opportunity shall offer to your Lordships for the Advancement of this Province in soe necessary a part.

We return your Lordships our hearty thanks for the answers of the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> ffrancies Lord Guilford to our former address and the Assurances therein given of protect- ing us in the Protestant religion as also in our Civill Rights & Libertys neither of which we think in the least danger und<sup>r</sup> your Lordships declared resolucōns of Governm<sup>t</sup> having an Intire Confidence in your Lordships Constant adherence to the true faith of the Church of England and in the p<sup>r</sup>sent administration of your Lieut Governour, who, amidst the various Shocks he has met with, we may with boldness affirm, has, with a resolute Constancy Endeavourd to promote your Lord<sup>pps</sup> truest Interest here by Defending the Hon<sup>r</sup> of your Lordships Governm<sup>t</sup> and the R<sup>ts</sup> & Priviledges of the People under it with Impartiality; by whose Exhortation and Generous Example we shall never be wanting to shew a true Christian Principall of Charity in laying aside & Endeavour- ing to remove all feuds & animosities amongst us and Since your Lordships have been pleased to accept of our humble Opinions in relation to the affaires of this your Province so we beg leave to assure your Lordships that we shall always be very Sincere therein and so farr value our Rights & privi- ledges as to make Justice & reason the Rules of our Actions