

Proprietary and the Welfare of the people may be happily Improved U. H. J.  
to mutual Satisfaction

I have it in Command from his Lordship to assure you that nothing could ever be more disagreeable to him than the least appearance of difference between him and his Tenants, some former votes in the House of Burgesses did first Alarm his Lordship and put him on his Guard lest by joyning therein or in some Consequences of them he should be led insensibly into Resolutions of the nature of the Sovereign Right of the Crown of England to this Province an inquisition equally nice and dangerous from hence arose a Cautious Regard to everything that might seem any ways to interfere with a Title so far above his [Conisance] tis from a like wary Concern that he has found himself Obliged to Disassent to the late Act prescribing the Oath of Justice forasmuch as the words thereof not only seem to reflect on the Crown but may also be Genuinly Construed as intended to Affect his Majestys Royal Prerogative in several of its Branches as well in those reserved peculiarly to his sovereign person as in those delegated to or rather deposited and trusted by the Charter to the Lord Proprietary for the safe Guarding of which from dimunition his Lordship is as accountable as for any ill use he could make of them his Lordship in duty to his Trust and in Justice to himself and you has hitherto and will ever preserve the Royal Charter Inviolable on his part and whatever is the Constitution of this Province by the said Charter as well as all Consequential Rights Customs and Usages his Lordship is most willing to secure to you and has therefore Ordered me to lay before you the form of an Oath whereby the same measure of Law and right will be preserved to you and your Posterity which your Ancestors and your selves have ever enjoyed

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I am also to acquaint you from his Lordship that the General Address of the last Session of Assembly to his Majesty has been presented by his Lordship and by his Majesty most Graciously Received

I am desired by the Government of Virginia to lay before you the draught of an Act passed the last Session of Assembly for the erecting a light House on Cape Henry to which they desire the Concurrence of this province by a like Act to be made here it has been a matter so long talked of that you must be best apprized of the Usefulness of it

I think I need not recommend to you the careful pursuit of our common Interest in Advancing the Staple of this province but as you best know the evils that at present debase it you can best Advice the way for Relief

I shall now leave you with a word or two concerning myself, as nothing can be more shocking to an Ingenious mind than a distrust