

of our Staple, and it is a great addition to our Misfortunes that many U. H. J. inconsiderate Men have been induced to take such illegall & Violent Measures in hopes to relieve themselves from their Calamitous Circumstances, by Cutting up the Tobacco plants and Destroying the Labours of the People which had it not been Timely prevented by your Excellencys extraordinary Care & Vigilance must necessarily have been attended with most fatal Consequences to the Country. p. 169

There is nothing more certain than it is the peculiar Province of the Legislative Power to relieve the People in any Government from their Grievances, and Regulate Disorders in publick Affairs, therefore whoever attempts it by Tumultuous & Violent proceedings will find themselves sadly mistaken, and if not prevented, prove Instruments of Ruin to themselves and their Country; being Convinced of this we think it our Duty in a Legislative way to Endeavour to relieve ourselves from these our present deplorable Circumstances, and Notwithstanding the Disappointments We have heretofore met with in our Endeavours to raise the Value of our Staple, We are not without hopes that some Expedient may yet be found to Effect it.

We on our parts are and shall be always ready unanimously, carefully, and Diligently to endeavour for the obtaining that benefitt, and shall think our selves very happy if we (with your Excellencys favourable Concurrence & Assistance which you have been pleased to promise, and we gratefully Accept) can contribute any thing in that or any other Expedient proposed, for his Lordships Service and procuring the peace & Prosperity of the good People of this Province.

Your Excellency's Intimation of His Lordships kind Inclination in favour of his Tenants here, to Renew the Revenue Bill, is very obliging to us, and as we have Reason to believe that Law has been Conducive to the ease and Satisfaction of his Lordship and his Tenants, We shall on our parts Maturely consider it and be ready to do therein what shall be thought necessary for the Common Welfare.

We are in hopes his Lordships farther Consideration of the Act of Assembly relating to a paper Currency will Terminate in such a manner as may be most advantageous to the Publick Interest of this Province.

Your Excellencys most obliging Assurance of your good Intentions to promote the Common welfare of this Province together with the beginnings of your prudent & Just Administration of the Government leaves us no room to Doubt the happy Consequences, and requires our most Sincere thanks and Suitable returns, which Address was Subscribed by all the Members present.

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight of the Clock.