

The Humble Address of the Upper House of Assembly
May it please Your Excellency

U. H. J.
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We beg Leave to return Your Excellency Our most hearty Thanks for giving us This, as early an Opportunity as could be, after Receipt of his Majestys Commands, of shewing Our chearful and sincere Disposition to answer the Royal Expectations, by contributing to the Utmost of Our Power towards the Success of an Expedition ordered by his Majesty against the Territories of the Catholick King in the West Indies; and what must add to the Alacrity of Every good Subject on this Occasion, is, the Justice of the War against Spain wherein His Majesty has declared “ He is determind to vindicate the Honour of his Imperial Crown, revenge the Injuries done to his Subjects, assert their undoubted Rights of Commerce and Navigation, and by all possible Means to attack annoy and distress a Nation that has treated his People with such Insolence and Barbarity ” In furtherance of a happy Event to an Enterprize for such glorious and laudable Purposes We shall with a Zeal becoming the most dutiful Subjects, take into Our Consideration every Method that may appear most effectual to promote his Majestys Levies in this Province, and more especially that which Your Excellency has been pleased to recommend to Us

We are truly sensible of the great Importance (especially at this time) of a Fund for Defence of the Province, and our own Safety and Preservation must certainly engage Us to concur in making with the utmost Earnestness, that Provision, which Your Excellencys Duty to his Majesty and Care of his Subjects under this Government prompt you to propose to Us; and in hopes of approving Ourselves dutiful Subjects to his Majesty, as well as true Friends of the Province, and watchful of it's Safety and Wel being, Our Endeavours shall not be wanting to give the several Points recommended in Your Excellencys Speech, the first Place in Our Consultations, as also a Dispatch preferable to all other Business whatever

M : T : Ward Presid^t

Adjourned till two of the Clock in the Afternoon

Eodem Die post Meridiem

This House met again according to Adjournment

Present as in the Morning with the Addition of Cot James Harris p. 4

Read the first Time the Bill prepared in this House Entituled An Act for the Transportation of Forces and Troops to be raised in this Province for his Majestys Service in the West Indies, Ordered to lye on the Table

Read the first time the Bill prepared in this House Entituled An Act for the further Encouragement of Levies for his Majestys Service in the West Indies; Ordered to lye on the Table

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.