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condition of things; I know your intentions towards his Lordship & the Province in General to be such as every Governor ought to have, nor are you fettered by Instructions, the design of your Instructions being only as General Rules of conduct. Whether 'tis from over Scrupulosity and exactness may induce you to consider as particular & invariable Rules in all cases & emergencies? I don't pretend to know that this is the case, nor can I say whence it arises; but to Me it seems extreamly easy, with the several advantages this Government has, to prevent for the future that Turbulent & Malevolent Spirit in the Lower House of Assembly; with that silly affectation of popularity, & those prejudices even in his Lordships Courts of Justice, ag^t his Lord^{ps} Just Rights, and so to Knit & unite the several Branches of Power there, as to form one Grand & Regular Movement, all tending to the Honour & prosperity of his Lordship, & the Happiness & Welfare of the whole Province, without leaving it in the Power of any Individual amongst them, either from Motives of Interest, Avarice or Ambition, to disturb its operations. I have always considered his Lordships right of Nominating to the Council Board, not as a feather wherewith to Tickle the vanity of such as he may be inclined to please, but as the chief strength & support not only of his Lordships rights, but of the whole frame of Government; 'tis by their advice Assemblys are called, progued & dissolved, & all the Subordinate parts of the Government are directed & put into Motion; It must therefore be of the last consequence to his Lord^p how the Vacancies that happen there, are filled up; If this point is disregarded, you may admitt a fool who will not only be troublesome & Impertinent but will Blabb every thing he knows; or if he has abilities, unless you are sure he is well affected to the Proprietor & Government, he will be the more Dangerous in proportion to those Abilities; for I am very well satisfied that placing such a one there is so far from putting him out of the way, as is the pretended opinion of some there, that it is increasing his Power of doing Mischief, by letting him into all the secrets of the Government, & giving him a share of Managem^t in that Power which is to controul & direct all the rest & so far corrupting & weakning the only check this Government has over the Madness of popular fury; a Third & very material consideration is, what attachments amongst themselves the person you propose to admit (whether he has abilities or no) either has at the time, or may in all likelyhood fall into; because otherwise such a one may serve only to strengthen an opposition to his Lordships Rights both private & Public & tho' capable of no more, yet by a single Vote either in opposition to the Just & wise Measures of a Gov-