

P. R. O. Subjects in this Province might be Supported & protected in their Iust rights & Libertys that the house might have access to his Ex<sup>cy</sup> on all Occasions for the Service of her Ma<sup>ty</sup> & the Province And Freedom of Debate and lastly that if any Mistakes or Misunderstandings should happen He prays his Ex<sup>cy</sup> will not attribute it to the house but to himself.

After which was Administerd to the said M<sup>r</sup> Speaker & the Delegates of Assembly the Oaths appointed instead of the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy And the Oath appointed by the Act made in the first Year of her Ma<sup>ty</sup>s Reign for the Declaring the Alterations in the Act &c. Which oaths the said Members took before his Ex<sup>cy</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup>nour in Council & subscribed the later together with the Test. After which his Ex<sup>cy</sup> was pleas'd thus to bespeak them.

M<sup>r</sup> Speaker & You Gent }  
of the of house Delegates }

Since her Ma<sup>ty</sup> has been Graciously pleased to entrust me with this charge I think it proper to acquaint you I have long served the crown with a Dutifull Fidelity and have allways been a true Lover of my country under its Noble constitution in church & State.

To a truely honest man of what perswasion so ever my Ears and Bosom too shall be ever open, for good Moralls will alwayes haue a just Esteem in my friendship, and awell grounded sincerity shall never be denyed a rightfull Clayme to my Protection.

Gent<sup>n</sup>

As our gracious Mistress the Queen allowes a free Toleraon to all her Protestant Subjects, within this Province, you shall have my concurrent assistance in Every thing that has vertue and religion at bottom, not Doubting of yours to punish all sort of Prophaneness, Immorality and faction.

You shall haue a Scheme gent of those Laws her Ma<sup>ty</sup> would haue amended, and of others to be Enacted, worthy your consideraon, there are none proposed but what are thought highly necessary, and most of them for yo<sup>r</sup> Ease and advantage, What concernes my selfe I hope you'll soe farr concurr with her Majestyes good intentions towards me, to thinke I may haue as faire a pretence to your fav<sup>r</sup> as my Immediate predecessor.

For I solemnly assure you Dureing my Administration here, I'll doe my utmost to advance the Interest and Reputation of this Collony, and protect Every inhabitant w<sup>thin</sup> itt in his lawfull rights, and Immunities, I hope noe gent of this