

necessary affairs now to be laid before you. The late melancholy Accident might have been prevented, had my often Admonition took place, for I never yet saw any public buildings left Solely to Providence but in Maryland. I hope this sad experiment will awaken your Care for the time to come. And in the Interim y<sup>r</sup> best consideration to secure the Laws and records of y<sup>r</sup> Country, for the Advantage and quiett of ffuture Generations. What is proper to be done in Rebuilding your Statehouse so very necessary for the accomodation of the public I Leave Intirely to your own Serious Debates and decision for I have no other ayme than the true Interest and Service of your Country; and shall be heartily sorry to find any here so farr mistaken to Imagine in the Least It can be separate from that of the Crown of England:

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This opinion all men of Sence will be ashamed of since I have given you the strictest Assurance of my Constant resolution to Governe you whilst I have the honour to Comānd here with a most tender regard to her Ma<sup>ty</sup>s honour and Service, useing my best endeavour to Advance the Prosperity, and Reputation of this Province, I can never doubt but my Integrity in your Service has been Sufficiently evident by some tryalls since my Administration as you handsomly owned with your thanks the last Session.

Therefore avoiding all heats & misconstructions; I hope you will with me and her Ma<sup>ty</sup>s honble Councill most heartily apply y<sup>r</sup>selves to the redressing the present Exigencys your Country now lyes under, which will be most acceptable to her Ma<sup>ty</sup> and very gratefull to myselfe for when you do truly well for yourselves all men will applaud your Judgement

Gent. the Account of Our Indians giving us a late disturbance shall be laid before you which Realy requires your Consideration, and I heartily Crave your advice and Assistance in this Juncture, th<sup>t</sup> for the future, every member of the Province may Enjoy the fruits of his Labour and Industry in peace and Satisfaction.

Never let us be mistaken Gent. in each other but strive Joynly and heartily, to serve the Country the best & most Judicious way we Cann and oppose whatever may be Imagined prejudiciall to it, in any one Instance w<sup>th</sup>soever.

The Board ajorned till to morrow morning at nine a Clock.

Wednesday December the 6<sup>th</sup> 1704.

The Councill in Assembly Sate Present

His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> the Governour

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