

Cannot so Securely Place a Confidence as in the Certain L. H. J. Measure of Establishd Laws.

We shall Trouble Your Lordship but with one Remark more Concerning the Statutes, and that shall be from the Royall Grant it Self, where, in the Paragraph that gives Your Lordship power to Aliene Your Lands and the purchasers to hold of your Lordship in what Estate soever should seem Expedient to his Lordship and the purchasers There is an Express provision that it shall be Lawfull so to do notwithstanding the Statutes of 18: Edw: 1 commonly Called *Quia Emptores Terrarum* or any other Statute, which we hope Sufficiently Shews the Intent of the Prince that made the Grant and the Sence of those times that the Generall Statutes of England did or at least would by that Grant Extend here and that therefore such non obstante was necessary; which otherwise would have been Useless.

As to the Usage of this Province in this part we shall not trouble you further then to Begg your Lordship to be Refer'd to your Lievetenants Speech at the opening this Sessions which fully declares it as it is alledged by us.

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And now we begg Your Lordship to Consider how much it must necessarily Concern us to have our Establishd Rules of Law and Priviledge Attackt by Your Lordship with objections to them at Least as if our Constitution were but Dubious, whereas in truth it Never has been Dubious untill Your Lordships Late Instruction seem'd to make it so. It is a Case of that Consequence that requires our Concern, and the Ill Success and Little Notice taken of our Late Address to Your Lordship obliges us to Press this Subject the more Earnestly upon You; for that while these Debates are pending by way of Address and Answer Your Instruction continues as the Rule of Your Lieutenants Administration whereby our Legall Constitution is Rendered Dubious and unsafe. We therefore in most Submissive Manner intreat Your Lordship to favour us with your determinate Resolution in the Case with all that Reasonable Expedition that may be Consistent with Your Lordships Leisure and the Importance of the affair; and that you will not take it Ill that we give your Lordship our Solemn Assurance that as nothing has been wanting in us to give Your Lordship a Right understanding in these Matters nothing shall be wanting in us that we Can think necessary to preserve our Rights; Concerning which (we are Sorry to find it so) we have Reason to be Jealous; (We Cannot omit observing to your Lordship; that whilst Your Lordship is Contending with Your Tennants for the Rendering Your Government more Absolute over