

U. H. J. publick Good and to avoid all unnecessary Disputes as much as Possible.

For my own Part I desire nothing more earnestly than the Happiness and Prosperity of the Province, and shall be always ready to Join my Endeavours with Yours for that Purpose, and to oblige you in every thing, as far, as is consistent with the Duty of my Station and further I hope no reasonable Man will expect or desire me to go.

It is the Sense of my Duty to his Majesty and the Lord Proprietary that has Obliged me so often and so earnestly to recommend to you the Continuance of the Fund, for purchasing Arms and Ammunition for the Defence of the Province, and I must still renew my Sollicitations to you upon this Head my Duty not permitting me ever to neglect so very necessary and essential a Point.

You must be very sensible that this Fund has always been thought necessary, even in Time of Peace, and I hope you will not think a time of War a proper Season for the Discontinuance of it, but that  
p. 783 you will rather think it prudent to make some further Provision for our Safety and Security; but whatever Quantity of Arms and Ammunition you may think sufficient for the Province, a proper Magazine for the Security of them is certainly very necessary, and that We have not such a one at present is but too well known for me to enlarge any further upon the Subject; I shall therefore leave it to your Prudence and Discretion.

There are many other things proper to be taken into Consideration, which I think unnecessary to mention to you in particular, As Our several Sentiments on any Subject may be so easily communicated to one another in the usual manner by Messages therefore shall only Observe to you that the Happiness of all People depends so greatly upon the Goodness of the Laws they live under, that it is impossible for any Number of Men, met together in a Legislative Capacity, too be too sensible of the Importance of their Trusts or too diligent and careful in the Discharge of it

I am very fully perswaded, that a great deal of Good might accrue to the Inhabitants of this Province, by a wise and prudent Amendment of Our Laws, and should think no Pains too great to effect so very desirable a thing; Promoting the Happiness of numbers of People so immediately under ones Care, being a Pleasure that every rational man in my Station, must desire to procure to himself, if he can, as the best Recompence for the Cares and Troubles of Government whatever Regard Governors may be Supposed to have to other Considerations, which I hope shall always despise whenever they come in Competition with my Duty

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning ten of the Clock