

lency that we shall very heartily join in whatever you shall propose for the real Interest and Service of this Country.

We shall endeavour to pursue your Excellency's Advice, and weigh with all Candour and Impartiality every Matter laid before us, whether it comes from any Gentleman in Place, or one that wants one; and shall be ready to approve what our Consciences dictate will be for the Good of our Country, and are well pleased your Excellency recommends so just and laudable a Rule for our Proceedings. In what Instances your Excellency may have experienced, that Matters of very great Advantage to the Province, which have been proposed by the Government, have been opposed for that Reason, we know not; and we do sincerely assure your Excellency, we are not conscious of any such Motives having influenced our Conduct, nor shall such hereafter.

We sincerely wish there had been no occasion of applying to your Excellency about Aggrievances, but many such having been laid before us of a most oppressive Nature, we could not but think it incumbent on us to endeavour to restore and preserve our natural Rights and Privileges. We pretend not to oppose the Prerogatives of the Crown (which we conceive are in no manner concerned in our present Differences) nor his Lordship's just and legal Rights granted him by the Royal Charter, or Laws of the Country. We hope by the many kind assurances in your Excellency's Speech, and the good intentions you witness of his Lordship, that our Complaints may have a favourable Hearing and Redress either from your Excellency, or his Lordship; wherein if we are so unfortunate as to fail, we shall humbly hope, from the Justice and Clemency of his Majesty, to find Relief: In which Case, we hope your Excellency will grant us all sufficient Means to enable us to lay our Complaints before his Majesty, to whose Royal Determination we shall most Dutifully and Cheerfully Submit; and in the mean time shall join our best Endeavours for promoting the Trade of this Province, so far as the Difficulties it labours under will admit us, being so much concerned in its Prosperity, that we cannot but have it wholly at Heart.

*Signed per Order of the Lower House, per*

April 26. 1740.

P. HAMMOND, Speaker.

On Motion of a Member for Leave to bring in a Bill for Encouragement of Persons who shall Enlist themselves voluntarily within this Province, to serve his Majesty in this present War against the Spaniards: Leave given, and *Ordered*, that the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Mr.