

in *America*, must tend greatly to the Hindrance of Commerce, and be severely felt by the industrious Inhabitants of this Province, we would hope the Bounty granted by Act of Parliament on the Culture of Hemp and Flax, may be thought a sufficient Encouragement for those who shall export the same; and that it will be more for the Interest of this Province, to apply the Premiums by us formerly intended on the Exportation of Hemp and Flax, as an Encouragement for a Manufacture of those Commonities.

WE Thank your Excellency for the Notice you have taken of the Navigation; but your Excellency will permit us to observe the Dilemma we are in at this Conjunction: We once esteemed it our inherent Right, as *British* Subjects, that no Tax could be imposed upon us, but where we were legally represented; depending on the fundamental Principles of the *British* Constitution; but, unhappy for us and every Colony in *America*, we now too fatally experience the Contrary: In this depressed Condition, every Attempt towards improvements appears useless. Yet under these unhappy Circumstances, your Excellency may be assured that nothing shall be wanting on our Parts, to ease the Trader, as far as in our Power, of the heavy Expence attending the Exportation of our Commodities, and to remove, as far as possible, every Incumbrance with which the commercial Interest of this Province is clogged.

JOHN ASHE, *Speaker*.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S ANSWER

“ *Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

I Return you Thanks for your grateful Acknowledgments of the Goodness of Divine Providence, in having concluded a glorious and successful War, by a safe and honourable Peace: But, must think, you are greatly deficient, in not gratefully returning Thanks to his Majesty, the best of Kings, the happy Instrument, under the Divine Providence, in accomplishing so happy an Event.

“ I also return you Thanks for your Assurance of attending to the continuing and amending the several Bills recommended to you; and particularly, to the Encouragement of Commerce, and the interior Improvement of this Province.

“ As to the other Paragraphs of your Address; as they have no Reference to, or are

inconsistent with, what I had recommended to you for your Consideration, I shall return you no Answer: But, must only observe, that I know of no heavy Expence attending the Exports of this Province, and therefore, your Complaint and Excuse for not securing your Navigation is without Foundation.

ARTHUR DOBBS.”

Extract of a Letter from Philadelphia, dated October 18.

“ Our annual election, which was held the first inst. was, perhaps, the warmest that ever was held in this province; owing to the late disputes which have happened between the Quaker and Presbyterian parties. — Mr. Franklin, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Galloway, (the Demosthenes of Pennsylvania) Mr. Evans, and Mr. Fleson, are all out of the Assembly, — (They were supposed to be strong Advocates for the Quaker Interest, and have been constant Members of the House; — Mr. Thomas Willing, George Bryan, Amos Strettle, Henry Kepplee and Henry Pauling, are elected in their room. — The Quakers Power seems to decline much in this province; and indeed it is but proper that it should; for, they have borne a high Hand over all other Denominations, too long.” —

*Boston, October 4.* A surprizing Concatination of Events to one Man in one Week. Publish'd on Sunday — married on Monday — had a Child on Tuesday — stole a Horse on Wednesday — banished on Thursday — died on Friday — buried on Saturday — all in one Week.

*New York.* On Tuesday last four fishermen who supply the markets in this city, were pressed from on board their vessels and carried on board a tender from Halifax, belonging to one of his Majesty's ships on that station; and yesterday morning, when the captain of the tender came on shore in his barge, a mob suddenly arose and seized the boat, but offered no injury to the captain, who it is said, publickly declared he gave no such orders, offer'd to release the fishermen, and going into the coffee house, wrote and delivered an order for that purpose; mean while the mob, with great shouting, dragged the boat thro' the streets to the middle of the green in the fields, where they burnt and destroyed her, and dispersed as suddenly as they met, without doing any other mischief: Some of the company went on board the tender with the captains order, and bro't the fishermen

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