

WILMINGTON, November 27.

Monday the 18th Inst. about 50 of the Gentlemen of Brunswick, New-Hanover and Bladen Counties, waited on the Governor at his Seat near Brunswick, on his circular Letters to them for that purpose; when his Excellency was pleased to communicate his Sentiments to them relative to the Stamp-Act, to the following purport:—He began by assuring them he would with Pleasure exert his Interest and Influence in England, in endeavouring to promote the Prosperity of this Colony by every Means in his Power, consistent with his Duty to his King and Country; and should think himself happy in displaying that Duty, if he could at the same Time contribute to the Service of his Majesty's faithful Subjects of this Province.

He mentioned, and with Moderation censured, the Conduct of some of the Colonies, where the Officers of the Crown had been insulted, their Houses pulled down, their Furniture and Effects destroyed, and his Majesty's Property invaded by burning the Stamp Paper sent from England; and expressed his hopes that no Violence of that Sort might be attempted, in Case the Stamps should at any Time arrive here, representing the Danger of such Proceedings, and the disagreeable Consequence which might attend them.—The parliamentary Right of Taxation, he said, he would by no Means at that Time enter into the Discussion of, but hoped that none in this Province were desirous of destroying the Dependence on the Mother Country; and therefore strongly urged the Prudence of not opposing the Legislature of Great-Britain.—He took Notice of the Impossibility of the Stamp-Act operating in all it's Parts in this Province, where the whole Cash of the Country would scarcely pay a single Year of the Tax; and declared his Intention of representing at Home our Circumstances, in such a Manner, that we might reasonably expect, whether the Act was repealed or not, a favourable Indulgence and Exemption of this Colony, unless his Endeavours were frustrated by the Conduct of the People.—He enforced his Observation by expatiating on the Advantage which we should receive on a Submission to the Act, by carrying on an extensive Commerce, while our Rival Colonies on the Continent, by their Refusal of the Stamps, had entirely obstructed their own Trade: And as a further Inducement to the Reception of the small Stamps, his Excellency generously offered to pay himself the whole Duty arising on any Instruments executed on stamp Paper, on which he should have any Perquisite or Fee; such as Warrants and Patents for Land; Testimonials; Injunctions in Chancery; Licences for Marriages; Letters of Administration and Testamentary, with four Wine Licences for each of the Towns of Edenton, Newbern, Wilmington, Salisbury and Halifax; two for Brunswick and Crois-Creek; and for Bath and Tarborough, one Licence each.

On these Proposals, the Gentlemen, after retiring to consider them, waited on his Excellency the next Morning, with the following ADDRESS:

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THE Gentlemen to whom your Excellency was pleased to communicate your Sentiments, Yesterday, relating to the Stamp-Act, unanimously beg Leave to return their most hearty Thanks and Acknowledgments for the obliging Manner in which your Excellency express your Desire of rendering this Province all the important Services in your Power.

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