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General, Governor, and Commander in Chief,
in and over the Province of North-Carolina.

SIR,

We, his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Members of the Assembly of North Carolina, have taken into consideration your Excellency's Speech at the opening of this Session.

We met in General Assembly with Minds superior to private Dissention, determined calmly, unitedly, and faithfully, to discharge the sacred Trust reposed in us by our Constituents. Actuated by Sentiments like these, it behoves us to declare that the Assembly of this Colony have the highest Sense of their Allegiance to the King of Great-Britain, to whom alone, as our constitutional Sovereign, we acknowledge Allegiance to be due, and to whom we so cheerfully and repeatedly have sworn it, that to remind us of the Oath was unnecessary. This Allegiance all past Assemblies have, upon every Occasion, amply expressed; and we, the present Representatives of the People, shall be always ready by our Actions with Pleasure to testify; sensible, however, that the same Constitution which established that Allegiance, and enjoined the Oath in consequence of it,