

his Majesty's American Subjects might otherwise have upon their Sovereign, for a Redress of those Grievances of which they so fully complain.

We should feel inexpressible concern at the Information given us by your Excellency, of your being authorized to say that the Appointment of Delegates to attend the Congress at Philadelphia, now in Agitation, will be highly offensive to the King, had we not recently been informed, from the best Authority, that his Majesty has been pleased to receive very graciously the united Petition of his American Subjects, addressed to him by the Continental Delegates, lately convened at Philadelphia. We have not therefore the least Reason to suppose, that a similar Application to the Throne will give Offence to his Majesty, or prevent his receiving a Petition for the Redress of Grievances, which his American Subjects have a Right to present, either separately or unitedly.

We shall always receive with Pleasure, the Information of any Marks of Loyalty to the King, given to your Excellency by the Inhabitants of this Colony; but we are greatly concerned, least the Manner in which you