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To his Excellency the Right Hon. JOHN Earl of DUNMORE, his Majesty's Lieutenant and Governor General of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

The humble ADDRESS of the COUNCIL.
MY LORD,

WE, his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Council of Virginia, now met in General Assembly, beg Leave to present our humble Thanks to your Excellency for your Speech at the opening of this Session, and for giving us an Opportunity to take the present alarming State of this Colony into our Consideration, and provide Remedies against the increasing Evils therein. Your doing this so seasonably, and as soon as you were properly apprized of what you thought would lay a firm Foundation for our proceeding with Success in so desirable a Work, we cannot but regard as a Proof of your Attachment to the Welfare of this Dominion.

As this Country hath, for many Years past, made ample Provision for the civil Government thereof, we have only to declare our Willingness to concur with the other Branch of the Legislature in such Proportion, and in such Means, as they shall be willing to contribute towards the Public Burthens of the State.

The Peace and good Order of every Country depending on the regular Administration of Justice, we are desirous that the Courts shall be forthwith opened, that the Laws may again have their due Course; as such a Step will be instrumental in removing Mischiefs of the greatest Magnitude and most destructive Tendency.

To which his Excellency was pleased to return the following ANSWER:

GENTLEMEN,

YOUR Willingness to concur in Measures which, if adopted, will entirely compose the destructive Differences between this Country and Great-Britain, and restore the Order and Tranquillity of the Colony, cannot but give his Majesty the most sensible Pleasure; as the Opportunity of communicating to him such a Proof of the Duty and Loyalty of this Branch of the Legislature of Virginia affords me the greatest Satisfaction.

A MESSAGE from the GOVERNOR.

THE removing, by my Order, fifteen half Barrels of the King's Powder, received from the Rippon Man of War, from the Public Magazine, has, I find, given great Uneasiness to the People: I was influenced in this by the best Motives; and as I have once ventured, and if Occasion offered, should again venture my Life in the Service of this Country, I had Hoped the most favourable Construction would have been put upon my Conduct. The Magazine was represented to me as a very insecure Depository, and, from Experience, I find it so; all the Arms which have been kept there being now taken away; Arms not purchased at the Expence of this Colony, but sent here by his Majesty, from his Office of Ordnance, of which they bear the Mark: But, in Confidence that you are now met to remove every Grievance, and by your Wisdom to establish the Public Tranquillity on a sure and firm Foundation, I do promise you, that as soon as I see the Magazine in a proper State for securing the Powder, and other Public Stores, I will replace it, and at all Times be ready, most willingly, to do every Thing my poor Abilities are capable of for the Benefit of this Colony, in which I have lived, till of late, in the greatest Happiness. DUNMORE.

His Excellency, upon his Retreat on Board the Fowey Man of War, left the following Message to be delivered to the Assembly:

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses,

BEING now fully persuaded that my Person, and those of my Family likewise, are in constant Danger of being sacrificed to the blind and unaccountable Fury which has so unaccountably seized upon the Minds and Understanding of great Numbers of the People, and apprehending that at length some among them may work themselves up to that Pitch of Daringness and Atrociousness as to fall upon me in the defenceless State in which they know I am in the City of Williamsburg, and perpetrate Acts that would plunge this Country into the most horrid Calamities, and render the Breach with the Mother Country irreparable; I have

thought it prudent for myself, and serviceable for the Country, that I remove to a Place of Safety, conformable to which I have fixed my Residence, for the present, on Board his Majesty's Ship the Fowey, lying at York.

It is not my Intention to give the least Interruption to the Sitting of the Assembly, but I hope they will proceed in the great Business which they have before them with Diligence and Effect. I shall take Care to make the Access to me so easy and safe, that the necessary Communication between me and the House may be attended with the least Inconvenience possible; and I thought it would be more agreeable to the House to send me, from Time to Time, some of their Members, as Occasion shall require, than be put all to the Trouble of moving to be nearer me.

I hope the House will see my Proceedings on this Occasion as they were really meant, and I beg them to be assured that I shall now be as ready to attend to all the Duties of my Office as I was, before, and that I am perfectly disposed to contribute all in my Power, if Opportunity be given me, to restore that Harmony, the Interruption of which is likely to cost so dear to the Republic, as well as to the Comforts of every Individual. DUNMORE.

To his Excellency the Right Hon. JOHN Earl of DUNMORE, his Majesty's Lieutenant and Governor General and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia.

The joint ADDRESS of the COUNCIL and the HOUSE of BURGESSES.

MY LORD,

WE, his Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Council, and the Burgesses of Virginia, assure your Excellency, that it is with the greatest Concern we find your Lordship, by your Messages to them, that your Lordship entertains any Suspicions of the personal Security of yourself or Family, as we can, by no Means, suppose any of our Subjects to be so horrid and atrocious, as your Lordship seems to apprehend. We are fearful, the Step your Lordship hath taken, in removing from the Seat of Government, may conduce to a Continuance of that great Uneasiness, which hath of late so unhappily prevailed in this Country. We cannot but express our Concern, that your Lordship did not think proper to communicate the Ground of your Uneasiness to us; as, from our Zeal and Attachment to the Preservation of Order and good Government, we should have judged it our indispensable Duty to have endeavoured to remove every Cause of Disquietude. In Proof of the great Respect we shall ever pay to the Representative of our most gracious Sovereign, and to remove, to the utmost of our Power, your Lordship's Apprehensions, we assure your Lordship, that we will cheerfully concur in any Measure that may be proposed, proper for the Security of yourself and Family. It is with much Anxiety, we consider the very disagreeable Situation of your Lordship's most amiable Lady and Family, and should think ourselves happy in being able to restore their perfect Tranquillity, by removing all their Fears.

We cannot, my Lord, but approve your Intention, of not giving the least Interruption to the important Affairs on which we are now assembled; and it is with much Pleasure we receive your Lordship's Assurance of your Disposition, to establish that Harmony, so essential to the Repose and Comfort of every Individual: But we must beg Leave to observe to your Lordship, how impracticable it will be to carry on the Business of this Session, with any tolerable Degree of Propriety, or with that Despatch the advanced Season of the Year requires, whilst your Lordship is so far removed from us, and so inconveniently situated: We therefore earnestly entreat your Lordship, that you will be pleased to return with your Lady and Family, to the Palace, which we are persuaded will give the greatest Satisfaction, and be the most likely Means of quieting the Minds of the People.

The GOVERNOR's Answer to the joint Address of the Hon. the COUNCIL, and the HOUSE of BURGESSES, in Consequence of the Message which his Excellency left behind him, upon his Retreat on Board the FOWEY Man of War.

Gentlemen of the COUNCIL, Mr. SPEAKER, and Gentlemen of the HOUSE of BURGESSES,

IN Answer to your joint Address, presented by your Deputies Yesterday, I acquaint you, that it appears to me the Commotions among the Peo-

ple, and their Menaces and Threats (an Enumeration of which I forbear, out of Tenderness) have been of such public Notoriety, that you must suppose many of his Majesty's Subjects in this Colony, whether they meditated or not, have at least manifested such an Inveeracy as justifies my Suspicion that they would not hesitate to commit a Crime, which, horrid and atrocious as it is, I had just Ground to apprehend; and when the Disturbance which the House of Burgesses have shewn towards me, the Returns they have made to the Respect and Civility which I have been forward to offer to them, the Countenance they have given to the violent and disorderly Proceedings of the People; his Majesty's Magazine having been forced and rifled in the Presence of some of the Members of the House of Burgesses, and, by the Information of the Committee the House appointed to inspect the Magazine, no other Endeavours have been used than to prevail on the People to return the Arms taken out, but not commit the Persons in whose Possession they were found, in order that they might be brought to the Punishment due to so heinous an Offence, no less against the Peace and good Order of the Country than the Dignity and Authority of the King; when a Body of Men assembled in the City of Williamsburg, not only to the Knowledge, but with the Approbation of every Body, for the avowed Purpose of attacking a Party of the King's Forces, which, without the least Foundation, it was reported were marching to my Protection, and which, if true, ought to have been approved and aided, not opposed and insulted, by all good and loyal Subjects; when especially the House of Burgesses, or a Committee of the House (which is the same) has ventured upon a Step fraught with the most alarming Consequences, in ordering and appointing Guards, without ever consulting me, to mount in the City of Williamsburg, as is pretended, to protect the Magazine, but which could not be doubted, as

ed being guarded; but if otherwise, this Step nevertheless shows a Design to usurp the executive Power, which, if it be persisted in, subverts the Constitution: I say, when these Circumstances are duly considered, I may submit it to your own Judgment, whether I could reasonably expect any good Effect from communicating the Ground of my Uneasiness to you.

But as you are pleased, Gentlemen, now to assure me, that you will cheerfully concur in any Measure that may be proposed proper for the Security of myself and Family, I leave to your own Consideration whether that can be effected any otherwise than by reinstating me in the full Powers of my Office, as his Majesty's Representative, by opening the Courts of Justice, and restoring the Energy of the Laws, which is all the Security requisite for all Parties; by disarming all independent Companies, or other Bodies of Men raised and acting in Defiance of lawful Authority, and by obliging those who have taken any of his Majesty's Public Store of Arms to deliver them up immediately; and, what is not less essential than any Thing, by your own Example, and every Means in your Power, abolishing that Spirit of Persecution which, to the Disgrace of Humanity, now reigns, and pursues with Menaces and Acts of Oppression, all Persons who differ from the Multitude in political Opinion, or are attached from Principles and Duty to the Service of their King and Government; by which Means, the deluded People never hearing but the disfigured Side of a Story, their Minds are continually kept in that Ferment which subjects them for ever to be imposed upon, and leads to the Commission of any desperate Act, and endangers the general Safety. For the more speedy Accomplishment of these Ends, and the great Object and necessary Business of the Sessions, I shall have no Objection to your adjourning to the Town of York, where I will meet you, and remain with you till your Business be finished.

With Respect to your Entreaty that I should return to the Palace, as the most likely Means of quieting the Minds of the People, I must represent to you, that, unless there be among you a sincere and active desire to seize this Opportunity, now offered to you by Parliament, of establishing the Freedom of your Country upon a fixed and known Foundation, and of uniting yourselves with your fellow Subjects of Great-Britain in one common Bond of Interest, and mutual Assistance, my Return to Williamsburg would be as fruitless to the People,