

ment, which we esteem to be one of their first and most important Duties.

Signed by Order of the House,
Philadelphia,
June 6, 1766.
Jos. Fox, Speaker.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of your Majesty's Council of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Council of your Province of the Massachusetts Bay, beg Leave, with the most sincere and raised Sentiments of Duty, Loyalty, and Affection, to address your Majesty, ever sensible that your Majesty's Paternal Care is not confined to your Subjects of Great Britain, but is as extensive as your Dominions—With humble Gratitude we acknowledge your Majesty's Goodness as in the other numerous and signal Instances of it, so more especially in graciously hearkening to the repeated Supplications of your dutiful and loyal Subjects in this and other your Provinces and Colonies in America, by giving your Royal Assent to the Bill for repealing the Stamp-Act; an Act which, in its Operation, might have been productive of Consequences not only detrimental to the Commercial Interest of Great Britain, but also have involved this Province, and all your Colonies, in Misery and Ruin.

We esteem it our Happiness, that from true Magnanimity of Sentiment your Majesty and your Parliament are disposed to overlook certain Enormities perpetrated during the late Transactions in the Colonies, justly distinguishing the Complaints and dutiful Remonstrances of loyal Subjects, from the Violence and Outrage of a profligate Rabble, abhorred by all Ranks among us; and that from the kind and indulgent Disposition prevailing in your Majesty and that August Body, we are encouraged to hope, that the Trade and Interests of America will receive every Relief which the true State of its Circumstances demands or admits.

This Proof of Indulgence and Affection in your Majesty and Parliament demands our most grateful Acknowledgments, and is an additional Obligation upon your Council, and all other your Subjects in these your Dominions, to yield a due Submission to the legislative Authority of Great Britain, and in all suitable Ways to demonstrate our Regard for that Country from which we sprang, and by which we have been protected and cherished. We are sensible of our peculiar Happiness in being the Subjects of such a King, whose Solicitude and Care is to render all his Subjects happy. And we assure your Majesty we shall contribute all that in us lies within our Department, by our Example, and in every other Way, to cultivate the Principles of Duty and Loyalty to your Majesty, and of Reverence for your Parliament; --- (Principles which have ever happily prevailed, and we trust ever will prevail within this Province :) And that we will, to the utmost of our Power, make the Administration of your Representative over us easy and happy, and, like faithful Councillors, whenever required, give him our best Advice for your Majesty's Honour and Service, and the Good of this your loyal Province.

Council Chamber,
June 18, 1766.

In the Name and Behalf of the Council,
Andrew Oliver, Secretary.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

May it please your Majesty,
WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Colony of New Jersey, in General Assembly met, humbly beg Leave to approach your Royal Person, and with the most unfeigned Gratitude, to thank your Majesty for your great Condescension and Goodness in giving your Assent to the Repeal of the Act granting certain Stamp-Duties in America.

It has been invariably the Principle of your Royal House, to govern your People according to the Constitution, and their Glory to rule over a Nation of Freemen.

Your faithful Americans have ever been free, and with the most unbounded Loyalty and Affection to your Majesty, and Respect and Veneration for the Parliament of their Mother Country, they were most sensibly affected when they saw a Law passed that endangered both their Liberty and Property.

Their Struggles on this Occasion (until their Case could be laid before your Majesty and the Parliament) however they may appear, or are represented, were not those of Rebellion or Disaffection, but those of Freemen, attached to your Majesty's Person and Government.

It is with the greatest Satisfaction that we see your Majesty, your present worthy Ministry, and your Parliament, penetrating the true Cause of our Uneasiness, and relieving us from the Burthen of an impolitic Law. The Wisdom and Justice of this Measure will henceforth, we doubt not, induce your American Subjects to place the greatest Confidence in your Majesty and the British Parliament, and be a sure Means of conciliating the Affections of the People of both Countries.

Permit us, most gracious Sovereign, at the same Time that we present our sincere and humble Thanks to your Majesty for the Repeal of this Law, to assure your Majesty, that as we have heretofore granted Aids to the Crown suitable to our Circumstances; so whenever Requisitions are made for that Purpose, in the ancient and accustomed Manner, our Duty to your Majesty, and Concern for the Glory and Interest of Britain, will ever induce us cheerfully to comply therewith to the utmost of our Abilities. And as no Danger can approach Britain without giving us the most sensible Alarm; so your Majesty may be assured, that with filial Duty we shall ever be ready to afford all the Assistance in our Power, and stand or fall with that Kingdom from which we boast our Descent, and to which we are attached by the strongest Ties of Duty, Gratitude, and Affection.

Signed by Order of the House,
Cortland-Skinner, Speaker.

House of Assembly, *June 20, 1766.*

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WITH unfeigned Assurances of Duty, Loyalty, and Affection, and with the highest Sentiments of Gratitude, Esteem, and Veneration, we your Majesty's Subjects, the Members of the Council of your Province of New Jersey, beg Leave to approach your Throne with our Tribute of Thanks and grateful Acknowledgments for the Happiness which necessarily results to the Inhabitants of this Province from your Majesty's gracious Condescension in Assenting

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