

12 January, 1765.

Extracts of the Address of the Council and House to the Governor, in answer to his Speech.

We are much obliged to your Excellency, for recommending to the favor of the Ministry our Petition to the House of Commons. We flatter ourselves the Representations therein made, will have success, not only from the dutiful manner in which they are formed, but from the necessary connexion there is between the interest of the nation, and the success of that Petition; it being a demonstrable truth, That the national interest will be best promoted and secured by encouraging the trade of the Colonies.

We are also much obliged to your Excellency for your kind declaration, that you shall not neglect any other opportunity to promote the real welfare of this Province, consistently with its subordination to the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, and the common interest of the whole Empire. It is in consistence with these, that we hope for your Excellency's endeavours to promote the real welfare of this Province: and in these endeavours our inclinations conspire with our duty, to give your Excellency our best assistance.