

Frequent Opportunities of exercising the Right of electing the Members of that constituent Branch of our Government, which is peculiarly popular, has been by the Wisdom of our Ancestors, considered as highly favourable to the Liberty, Happiness, and good Government of the People; and we gratefully acknowledge Your Excellency's Wisdom, in conforming the Measures of our Colonial Government, in that Respect, to the Rules adopted by our Parent Country, to which our Constitution is analagous.

The perfect Harmony, that prevails throughout this Province, is the best Security for its Prosperity, Respectability, Credit, and all their consequent Benefits, the continuance of which, we have the fullest Confidence, will be ensured to us by your Excellency's just, mild, and prudent Administration.

While we view with extreme Concern, the distracted State of a Great Portion of Europe, in which we regret, that *Great Britain* may possibly be, in some Degree eventually involved, it is our Happiness to be sensible, and Pride to acknowledge, that our Freedom, Peace, and Security are derived from, and secured by our unalienable Attachment to our most Gracious Sovereign, and the excellent Constitution under which we live.

Sensible of the Importance of supporting the Public Credit, and the Necessity of providing for the annual Expences of the Provincial Government; we shall cheerfully grant the Supplies requisite for those Objects.

We confidently rely on your Excellency's ready Co-operation with us in every Measure of Public Utility, and beg leave to assure your Excellency, that we shall on our Part conduct the publick Business, which shall come before us, with Liberality, Candour, and all possible Dispatch, and shall duly attend to such future Communications, as your Excellency shall be pleased to make to us during the Session.

*Resolved*, That the said Address, be presented to His Excellency, by the whole House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Secretary *Bulkeley*, do wait on His Excellency, to know his pleasure, when he will be attended by this House.

Mr. *Millidge* moved, That *Benjamin Belcher*, Esq; be heard by himself or Counsel on the Merits of his Petition, on Saturday next, which being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative, and thereupon

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Belcher*, be heard by himself or Counsel, on the Merits of his Petition, on Saturday next accordingly.

Mr. *Sterns* reported from the Committee, appointed to confer with His Majesty's Council, on the subject of a joint Address to His Majesty, that they had made known to the Council, the Resolution of this House thereon.

*Resolved*, That no Petition of a private Nature, be received after Monday, the 1st of *April* next.

A Message was received from the Council, to inform the House, they had appointed a Committee, to confer on the subject of a joint Address to His Majesty, and that the said Committee, would be ready to meet the Committee of this House at Twelve of the Clock on the above occasion.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of this House, do attend accordingly, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Mr. Secretary *Bulkeley* reported to the House, That His Excellency having been waited upon, pursuant to the Order of this Day, to know when he would be pleased to