

" receive these their excellencies directions, they do in  
 " that case, require and direct you, to cause such their  
 " meeting to cease, acquainting them that their assembly  
 " is against law, and a contempt of his majesty's prerogative,  
 " and that they are forbid to meet any more; but if notwithstanding  
 " such signification, they shall continue to hold such an assembly,  
 " you are then to take care that the principal actors therein be prosecuted  
 " for a misdemeanour. But you are to avoid doing any formal act  
 " to dissolve them, lest it be construed to imply that they had a right  
 " to assemble. This, Sir, is what I have in command from their excellencies  
 " to signify to you.

" And I must observe to you, that the precedent quoted in the above-mentioned memorial of such a synod, being held forty-five years ago,  
 " falls in with the year 1680, and that the former charter, upon which the government of your province depended, was repealed by scire facias in the year 1684,  
 " and the new charter was granted in the year 1691; from whence it appears, that if such synod was holden as is alledged, it happened a short time before the repealing of the old charter, but none has been since the granting the new one.

I am, Sir, your most humble servant,

CHARLES DELAFAYE.

At the court at Kensington the eleventh day of October 1705, present the queen's most excellent majesty, his royal highness prince George of Denmark, lord archbishop of Canterbury, lord keeper, lord treasurer, lord president, earl of Ranelagh, Mr. Boyle, Mr. secretary Hedges, Mr. secretary Harley, lord chief justice Holt, lord chief justice Trevor, duke of Somerset, duke of Ormond, Mr. Vernon, Mr. Earle.

" **A** Representation from the lords commissioners of trade and plantations, being this day read at the board upon an act, passed in her majesty's colony