

A true copy of a letter from their excellencies the lords justices, to the hon. W—— D——, Esq; lieutenant governor of his majesty's province of the Massachusetts-Bay.

Whitehall, October 7; 1725.

SIR,

THE lords justices being informed from such good hands, as make the truth of this advice not to be doubted, that at a general convention of ministers, from several parts of his majesty's province of the Massachusetts-Bay, at Boston on the 27th of May last, a memorial and address was framed, directed to you as lieutenant governor and commander in chief, and to the council and house of representatives then sitting, desiring that the general assembly would call the several churches in this province to meet by their pastors and messengers, in a synod; which memorial and address, being accordingly presented by some of the said ministers, in the name and at the desire of the said convention, was considered in council, the third of June following, and there approved, but the house of representatives put off the consideration of it to the next session, in which the council afterwards concurred.

Their excellencies were extremely surpris'd, that no account of so extraordinary and important a transaction should have been transmitted by you, pursuant to an article in your instructions, by which you are directed upon all occasions, to send unto his majesty, and to the commissioners for trade and plantations, a particular account of all your proceedings, and the condition of affairs within your government. As this matter doth highly concern his majesty's royal prerogative, their excellencies referred the consideration of it to Mr. attorney and solicitor general, who after mature deliberation, and making all proper enquiries, reported, "that

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