

mission which doth not appear to this House to derive any such Advantages to Trade as many have been led to expect.

These are the Sentiments and Proceedings of this House, and as they have too much Reason to believe that the Enemies of the Colonies have represented them to His Māty's Ministers and the Parliament as factious, disloyal, and having a Disposition to make themselves independent of the Mother Country, They have taken Occasion in the most humble Terms to assure His Majesty and His ministers, that with regard to the People of this Province, and as they doubt not, of all the Colonies, the charge is unjust.

The House is fully satisfied that Your Assembly is too generous and enlarged in Sentiment to believe that this Letter proceeds from an Ambition of taking the Lead or dictating to the other Assemblies. They freely submit their opinion to the Judgment of others, and shall take it kind in Your House to point out to them anything further which may be thought necessary.

This House cannot conclude without expressing their firm Confidence in the King, our common Head and Father, that the united and dutiful Supplications of His distressed American Subjects will meet with his Royal and favourable Acceptance.

Signed by the Speaker

A true Copy

Att. Samuel Adams Clk.

[Indorsed] Read in Council 22^d June 1768

Original.

[Rev. Bennet Allen to Sharpe.]

Sir.

I have this moment receiv'd Intelligence that M^r Bacon was dangerously ill, & the Person who brought the news expects He is dead by this Time. As my Lord Baltimore design'd this Parish for me, & intended for that purpose negating the Division had it been propos'd by the Assembly, I humbly request from your Excellency my succeeding to that Living upon confirmation of the news; & if it is done immediately, the Division (should it be agitated) would not affect my Incumbency. Your Excellency's compliance with my request (which at all events will give me a certain Provision) will greatly add to the very many obligations I am already under to you, being, with the greatest Respect

Sir, Your Excellency's most oblig'd
& obedient humble Servant

Bennet Allen

May 8. 1768.