

called the *Amitturiscs* & several far to the Southward where
 for a considerable time they have lived & now come (as they
 pretend) in the way of peace to live under our protection but
 what credit to give them or how far to trust them we are at
 a stand & not yet resolved but at present have concluded
 to suffer them to sit still & treat them friendly until the
 Assembly sit on the 20th of May next to whose further &
 more strict Examination we have thought fit to refer them
 & have then appointed them to some *Treaty of Peace* &
Entering into a League of Friendship with us if it shall
 then appear that their pretences are real & that they come in
 the way of peace

We have & do daily receive no small trouble from the Insu-
 ferable insolent carriage & behaviour conspiracies & con-
 tinuance of our Popish adversaries & other disaffected persons
 to their Majestys Interest & Government here within this
 Province which we have hitherto endeavoured to stifle &
 suppress by following the most moderate & gentle measures
 we could but are forced now at last to make use of somewhat
 more strict means to affect it upon the most notorious
 Offenders

In our Inquisition to find out the Principal Authors &
 Actors in our disturbances we come to see your Excellency
 as well as our selves has not escaped the lash & conspire of
 the scurrilous tongues as by Copy of the Inclosed Depositions
 which for the Honour & respect we bear to your Excellency
 we send you to give you an opportunity thereby to vindicate
 your Honour & reputation from the foul Calumnies & as-
 persiones therein thrown upon you, we are sorry to find it
 comes from the person therein named & conceive your Exc^{ty}
 will do him great favour to acquaint him also therewith
 that he may purge himself from the Imputation therein
 charged on him as we hope he may profusibly do