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who ought rather to have assisted in promoting a
fitting means of preserving a good Correspondence
rather than to raise, or through any followers or
discontents between us, and the People there.
But in regard the Chiefest pretended Exception
against those Lawes were (as we are informed) re-
solved in the Act of Recognition of our Charter
the said Province from the late King of England
and in that other for the Oath of fidelity to be
taken it seemed the words Absolute Lord and Prop-
rietary (which Title is the same that is given to
the said Charter, and the words Royall Jurisdiction
are stumbled at, by some those who seem to
doubt that the former words should in force ac-
tually in the people there to us, and the latter Words
exceed the power intended, as by the said (Part
We thought fit hereby to declare, that as the fore-
words import no such Error and Mistake in
interpretation, so we call God to witness) none
there had nor have any intention to mislead the
People there by them, or any other way whatsoever.
But indeed the Lawes themselves are sufficient
to show our intentions herein to all Well understanding
men if they be well considered. For the Act of Recogni-
tion, and also the said Oath of fidelity have both
relation to our said Charter which provided that
All Lawes shall be made by us, and our Heirs or
with the Consent of the freemen of our said Province
or their Deputies, or the Major parte of them, And
several other Acts contained in the said Body of Lawes
there is Provision made for freedom of Conscience
for freedom of Trade, but such as shall be laid with
the Assemblies Consent, for freedom from Ma-
tiall Law, but onely in time of Camp or Garrison
and within such Camp or Garrison; for freedom
of being Compelled in any kind to contribute to
Warre, out of our said Province without the Consent
of the Assembly. For freedom of Trade with
Natives upon reasonable Conditions tending more
in publick good and tranquillity, than to our own ad-
vantage. Now therefore under such Essentiall Pro-
visions of Liberty and freedom, any reasonable Person
upon mature Consideration can have any just
occasion of Dissatisfaction or being offended, And nor
Certainly any well disposed Person can imagine
As to those other words of Royall Jurisdiction,
we hereby declare that it is intended by our said
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