

Royal Gazette, and Miscellany of the Island of Saint John.

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The following ADDRESSES to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with his ANSWERS thereto, were inclosed to the Printer by some of the Subscribers, with a Request that they might be inserted in this Paper—which the Printer most cheerfully complies with:

To his Excellency EDMUND FANNING, LL. D. Lt. Governor, and Commander in Chief in and over his Majesty's Island of Saint John, and the Territories adjacent thereunto, in America, Chancellor of the same, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency,

WE, the Subscribers, being the Inhabitants of the two Settlements of Cherry Valley and Vernon River, beg Leave to express to your Excellency our extreme Regret at hearing certain Complaints to have been exhibited against you, and three other Officers, to his Majesty's most honourable Privy Council, injuriously representing your Excellency's Administration to have been factious, and arbitrary, and those other Gentlemen to have so grossly misbehaved in their respective Offices, as to bring his Majesty's Government in this Island into popular Hatred and Contempt, and particularly stating, that the Administration of Justice, since the Restoration of the Chief Justice from his late Suspension, has been partial and made subservient to the Views and Hopes of

this pretended Faction of your Excellency's, with many other Things of a criminal and unjustifiable Import.

On being made acquainted with so unexpected an Occurrence, we should do much Injustice to our own Feelings and Conviction, as well as withhold from your Excellency that Tribute of Gratitude we owe you, if we omitted the Opportunity we now have of assuring you of our entire Disbelief of those injurious Assertions, which so palpably contradict all our past Experience of the Conduct both of your Excellency and of the other Officers.

We, therefore, desire Leave to assure your Excellency, that we have always found your Administration to be mild and just, and uniformly directed to the Attainment of the great Object of general Prosperity to the Island, and that the Conduct of the other Gentlemen complained of, in the Performance of the Duties of their respective Offices, we have always understood to be highly meritorious and deserving, and altogether free from the malicious Imputation of Faction, Oppression, or Injustice. The fair and impartial Administration of the Law, since the Restoration of the Chief Justice, we particularly mark as a Circumstance highly flattering to our future Hopes and Expectations.

Joseph Beers, J. P.
John Van Iderstine.
James Lewis Hayden.
John Manton.
James Laird.
Peter Musick.
James Crocket.
William Laws.

Joseph Farrow.
James Ramsay.
Frederick Prock.
John Eachorn.
John Ensley.
Nicholas Zmalt.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S ANSWER.

GENTLEMEN,

THE Address of the Inhabitants of the two new, but flourishing, Settlements of Cherry Valley, and Vernon River, this Day presented to me, affords me a very singular Pleasure.

In Matters of this Sort, Gentlemen, much depends on the Time, the Manner, and the Occasion of its being done. Your very handsome Address is not only eminently civil and obliging in the Expression and its Import, but has with me every Recommendation which could possibly be derived from the Fitness of the Time, the Manner, and Occasion of its being done, it coming immediately after the Arrival of the unfounded Complaints of a very few factious Individuals against myself and some other Officers of his Majesty's Government in this Island, and even before I supposed it had been heard of by the Inhabitants of your very loyal, industrious, and highly meritorious Settlement.

This early and unexpected Testimony of your unbiassed Candour and Integrity, justly entitles you not only to my Gratitude and Esteem, but to the more particular Countenance and Favour of myself and the other Officers so injuriously and groundlessly complained of by those who are well known to be no Friends