

On Wednesday the Ministers of the Baptist Churches in this town waited on his Excellency the Governour with the following Address.

May it please your Excellency,

WE the the Ministers of the Baptist Churches in this town, beg leave to congratulate your Excellency on your advancement to the government of this province, a place which God, the author of every good and perfect gift, hath qualified your Excellency to fill with dignity to yourself, and the most extensive advantages to the people. And as, by virtue of the appointment of our most gracious sovereign, we view your Excellency in the important character of Minister of God for good, we shall not neglect to pray, that he who is infinitely wise in counsel, may grant your Excellency that wisdom which is profitable to direct in conducting the weighty affairs of government, so that its grand design may be effectually answered, and your Excellency's administration be easy to yourself, and happy to the people:

And from that friendly disposition, which your Excellency hath already manifested towards the people of our denomination in this province on several occasions, we flatter ourselves, that as we shall always endeavour to deserve; so we shall continually enjoy your Excellency's favourable protection.

His Excellency's Answer:

GENTLEMEN,

I RECEIVE with great satisfaction your very respectful and obliging address.

I wish to see every profession of Christians, who hold no principles incompatible with the peace and order of civil government, enjoy a full and uninterrupted freedom in the worship of God according to their consciences. The demeanor of the Baptists in this town from my first remembrance, has been such that it justly entitles them to the favourable protection of government.