We return your Ex[cy] our most sincere thanks for your kind & obliging speech at the Opening of this Session. And we do gratefully acknowledge your Ex[cy] condescending to pick the Country to the Patronage of his Majesty's Government under the Immediate Direction of the Crown.

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The Shortness of the last Recess afforded a very melancholy proof of it, and nothing but the Wild Winter with which Providence favoured us could have recovered so great Security in several parts of this Country, it would have been attended with terrible Consequences, effectually to the poorer Sort. The Nature of Land is one of the great Calamities that then could be subject to, and therefore the Wisdom of Government ought to be taken to prevent it, rather than to wait for an Opportunity which not only to be lamented but must also cruelly distress the Inhabitants getting together and establishing in Towns, they have to prevent the Depredation of Guns upon Fowls frightening Game, that they probably the Remedy would be too late, or the Length of time would give Opportunity to Poachers greater quantities than could be spared. As to our parts, we shall consider in any Expedient that may have a Tendency to this Country and prevent the Calamity of Wild Land.

We are convinced that the Happiness of any Country must be greatly promoted by the goodness of the Roads Ways, That the having Such is absolutely nothing as well as important to our Country, especially those of Any Extent, where Property cannot subsist. Nor any Intercourse made be carried on without good Roads Ways and therefore we desire you, be that Nothing in our power shall be wanting to promote a Thing of such great Importance and manifestly conducive to the prosperity of our Country.