

descendants from his Loynes in a secure & lasting succession U. H. J.
to the Imperial Crown of Great Brittain

My Lords. Having Taken into our serious Consideration that part of your Lordships Speech relateing to the Application of the 12^d p hogshead to your Leivt^t Governour for the time being, We must humbly Confess, that Zeal for our Present Governour in whose pson We found that the Protestant Interest of Maryland was designed to be Attackt Carried us a greater length in that Affair than we should otherwise have gone, nor have we any thing more to plead for Justification therein Than that as the Generall Assembly had made the application of that whole twelve pence p hogshead Originally designed for the support of Government unto your Lordships Leivt^t Governour only so did they in like manner take Care to defray the Comon & Emergent necessities of Government without suffering any Charge at all to be laid upon any of the several branches of your Lordships Revenue within this pvince. p. 75

But forasmuch as your Lordships are of Opinion that the twelve pence p hogshead be applyed towards the maintaining the Station & Dignity of your Lordships Leivten^t Gov^r Actually Inhabiting and Residing wthin this Province And to other necessary uses towards the Support & defence of this Province. We together with the lower house by An Act made this Present Session of Assembly have fallen entirely into your Lordships measures, And must at the Same time make our humble Acknowledgments to your Lordships for putting us in mind of the only Proper Application of that branch of the Revenue. p. 76

We are sensible of your Lordships favour & good Will in Consenting to An Act tending so much to the relief of the poor & more numerous part of your Lordships tenants And shall at all times think it our duty to engage the people's Affections to your Lordships by Letting them know your good Inclinations to secure the Liberties of English men unto them to ease them in the payment of their rents and to advance the Trade of this Province

My Lords: We take upon ourselves in the last place to assure you that we are fully resolved to pserve a gratefull resentment of all your Lordships Condescentions to us And that it shall be our Constant Endeavours as much as in us lies to Cultivate Peace & Unity among the Inhabitants of this our Province of what psuation soever that with one heart we may all applaud the Wisdom & Conduct of our Lord Prop^r and his noble Guardian And with one mind Employ our Joint