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postponed considering the same till his Lordships had first received a Copy of such Application & putⁿ his Answer thereto, that so it might appear whether the same interfered with any of his Lordships Rights & Privileges.

July 30th

For that the Lord Proprietor has constantly enjoyed & exercised as his unquestionable Right the power of approving or Repealing the Laws of the s^d province of Maryland as absolute Lord & Proprietor of that province, in which Capacity it is humbly presumed y^r Lordships will think the s^d Proprietors Right too greatly concerned to be passed over in the Instance complained of, & am well assured the s^d Jacob Henderson has not made any application whatever to L^d Baltimore to Repeal any Law whatsoever passed in that Province.

For these reasons & as L^d Balt^{re} is daily expected in England I most earnestly intreat y^r Lordships y^t the s^d Mr Henderson's Petition may not be taken into your Lordships Consideration, untill the L^d Balt^{re} returns, nor till he shall have some Notice, or served with a Copy thereof, & a reasonable time allowed him to put in such answer thereto as his Lordship shall judge & be advised to be proper. As this humble request is agreeable to Natural Justice, & to the constant course of y^r Lordships Board, & of all the Judicial Courts of this Kingdom, & as it is a fixed & unalterable part of our Constitution y^t no One shall be affected in the enjoymt. of any Right or privilege without due Notice first given & an opportunity of making his defence, & as it so nearly concerns the s^d privilege, so humbly hope y^r Lordships will be pleased to grant this both a reasonable & a just request.

I am your Obedt ^{Servant}