His Excellency likewise pleased to tell them, that it had been ye misfortune of one of their Members to fall Under the Justice of ye Law by Means whereof he was obliged to Detayne him from them being ye Kings Prisoner and in ye Kings Prison and on ye behalfe of whom he had Receiued an addiess from ye Gent- of his Matys Councill and Some of the Members of the House of Delegates wch he ordered to be read, and it was read accordingly in these words-

To His Excellency Fran Nicholson Esqr Capt Genll and Governour of Mayland &c &c-

May it please Your Excellency

Although we cannot approve but Dislike former addresses for the Ease and Release of Philip Clarke Yett we are moved to become Intercessors for him Not approveing his Actions but pitying his Folly and Misfortune, and not So much for his owne as for ye Sake of his wife and Innocent Children who beares a part of his (Justly deserved) Suffrings-

May it therefore please Your Excellency to Except of this Your Humble addres on his behalfe and Extend his Mats Mercy to him in Releasing him from his present Imprisonment taking Bond of him for his good behaviour and abearance in Such Measure as you Shall think Convenient for ye Preservation of his Matys Peace &c-

We believe Yr Excellency in Yr owne Nature Inclined to Mercy and ours to Rejoyce any Further yn ye Honour of ye King and Peace of ye Province Requires which we hope is and will be Secured and that we may obtaine Yr favorable acceptance of this Our Humbly Subscribe-

Your Excellcys very Humble Servants

Hart Powles
Chas Hutchins
Thomas Tench
Wm Addison
} John Coutts
Thos Brooke
and James Fisby
} Councill.

Will Barton
Willian Hutchison
John Lowe
Thomas Baile
Henry Hawkins
Jno Berman
James Smallwood
Sam[ll] Collins
Walter Lane
Thos Hicks
} Thom[s] Slatey
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Thom[s] Emralls
Jacob Looseman
Jn[o] Thompson
Jac[s] Moreland
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Matt Taylard
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Rich[d] Hill
} Burgesses.