

the Jurisdiction of any Court here that the Judicature w^d. should be Superior in its Authority to any Other may soon in a Manner become useless and the People in time grow under heavy pressures. Wherefore we humbly beg of your Lordship to reflection of Councils of your Ancestors & to believe that this part of the Legislature will never Intermeddle with any thing not absolutely necessary in our Opinion for the Good & Support of your Lordship's Government: and our Own Happiness and Tranquillity.

We take Leave to assure your Lordship that as we shall ever have a most Intire regard to the Sentiments in any thing so we shall always with the greatest regard & Submission offer our Reasons to your Lordship for Disagreeing thereto. We humbly conceive that Each Officer in this Province according to his Station has from the necessities of his Office in this Province a full Compensation for his Services, as well as an handsome Support and if (as we suppose the Divine Storey it may) the Staple of our Country improved their profits will be Double, and a further Inducement to your Lordship not to Dispute to the late Regulation too humbly offer to your noble Consideration that the continual Affluence of people amongst us will very much augment each Officers fees Inherent to the severall Offices. May it please your Lordship in the Ancient Colony of Virginia altho' immediately under the Crown the fees are not so great as those allowed the Officers here and yet thought those suff^{ic}. as well to Maintain as Support the Dignity of the Officers. We humbly hope these reasons lay'd to your Lordship's Goodness may cause a continuance of the present Limitation. The Satisfaction w^{ch}. we receiv'd our present Lov^d. Governour Express to your Lordship on that Occasion was very Just, for from his exorable Customs Department, his wise Judgement and prudent behaviour in his Adherence to this Line we doe conclude that he cannot fail of meeting his most Gracious Majesty and your Lordship's Approbation. And we Doubt not but his great Endeavours in Conjunction wth. your Lordship's will very much contribute to your Lordship's and our Own Happiness.

We humbly desire the wisest of Councils should direct your Lordship as that this your Province of Maryland may always flourish & Advance under your Auspicious and wise Conduct Signed per Order of the Lower house of Assembly -

R. Ungles Speaker

May it please your Lordship In most Dutifull Manner we offer to your Lordship's Consideration that the real Motives Inducing us to make Choice of Col^l. Nath^l. Blackiston to convey our thoughts and affairs to your Lordship were the Great Difficulties we found in obtaining access to the Royall and Sacred persons of our King, which Motive, Caus'd upon your Lordship's Restoration to the Governmt. of your noble Ancestors by the late Royall County of his present Maj^{ty}. by which means and out of your Lordship's meane exorable Customs & Temp^l. the powers substituted by your Lordship may have the freedom by way of Address to convey their Desires to your Lordship, without further laying our Country under the (as we presume) unnecessary Charges of an Agent conformable to the above Resolution we have in most humble Manner presumed to Address your Lordship on the subject Matter of your late Speech delivered by the Mouth of your Lov^d. God: in which we doe devoutly wish our reasons may be of such weight with your Lordship as to Incline you to grant the severall requests herein Implored we have nothing more to add save Expressing to your Lordship that the Lowly of the Sob^l. had

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