

To his Excellency SAMUEL OGLE, Esq; Governor and  
Commander in Chief in and over the Province of *Maryland*.

The humble ADDRESS of the House of Delegates of the same Pro-  
vince in General Assembly Met.

*May it please your Excellency,*

**W**E his Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Delegates of  
the Freemen of the Province of *Maryland*, in General Assembly  
convened, having in the most candid and serious Manner taken into Con-  
sideration the Money lately raised as a Duty upon Tobacco, for the Sup-  
port of his Lordship's Government, must acknowledge ourselves sensibly  
concerned, to find, that *Twelve Pence* Sterling Money for every Hoghead  
of Tobacco exported since the 29th of *September* 1733, has been Collected  
and Levied, from the People of this Province, without any Law, that we  
know of, to Warrant the same.

We have been indeed informed, by the several Naval Officers, That  
they levy that Money by virtue of an Act of Assembly, made in the  
Year 1704, entituled, *An Act for Settlement of an annual Revenue*  
*upon her Majesty's Governor within this Province for the Time being*.  
What Light this Act has hitherto appeared in, to your Excellency, we  
cannot say, but we hope, that when you have considered in the manner  
we have done, the several Acts made for raising Money for the Support  
of this Government, at the respective Times, when the same was in the  
Hands of the Proprietaries, or immediately in the Crown, you will be  
perswaded that those made in the one, had never been deemed to extend  
to the other, nor that his Lordship had a Right to the Money granted to  
the Crown, for the Support of Government, any more than to the Fines  
and Forfeitures arising on the Breach of Penal Laws then made, until Acts  
in his Favour were past in both Cases, on his being restored to the Govern-  
ment, with regard to which, and to the Sense of this House thereupon,  
we beg leave to refer your Excellency to a Report made to us from our  
Committee of Aggrievances, and concur'd to by this House, a Copy of  
which we have herewith sent for your Excellency's perusal.

Your Excellency is too well acquainted with the nature of the *British*  
Constitution, to be informed from us, that it is the peculiar Right of his  
Majesty's Subjects not to be liable to any Tax or other Imposition, but what  
is laid on them by Laws, to which they themselves are a Party; and we  
do with the greatest Sincerity assure your Excellency, that it is in pursu-  
ance of this our undoubted Right, and for no other Cause, that we give  
you the Trouble of this Address.

We well know that a People living under a Government ought to be  
at the Charge of Supporting it, nor have we any other Intention, than to  
give his Lordship such an honourable one as shall be adequate to the Abi-  
lity of those we represent.