

you, that this is all I desire of you, and that I shall never insist on any thing that can endanger *the Security of your Property, Rights and just Liberties.*

SAM. OGLE.

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.

*May it please your Excellency,*

WE his Majesty's Liege Subjects, the Delegates of the Freemen of the Province of *Maryland*, in General Assembly Convened, being divested of all partial or self-interested Views, and prompted only by our Zeal for the Publick Good according to the Duty of our Station, have maturely considered the several Particulars hereafter mentioned, concerning which we have received the loud Complaints of those we Represent, and encouraged by your Excellency's kind Declaration at the opening of this Session, "That no Man is come to this Assembly more sincerely desirous of the Welfare of the Province than yourself, or more willing to give a helping Hand to the removal of every Obstacle to it's Happiness and Prosperity," beg leave to lay them before you as Grievances under which we and our Constituents labour, and whereof the evil Consequences daily grow upon us; not doubting that when they are set in their proper Light, we shall have your Excellency's helping Hand to the removal of them as real Obstacles to our Happiness and Prosperity.

That the People of this Province are Subjects of *Great Britain*, and entitled to all the Rights, Privileges and Liberties of that their Mother Country, is a Truth we hope none will attempt to deny; and that the Basis on which those Privileges are principally Founded, is the Right they have of not being subject to any Payments, whether they be Taxes, Duties, Imposts, Fees, or under any other Denomination whatsoever, but what shall be raised, settled and appointed by Laws, to which by themselves or their Substitutes they give their Assent, is a Matter we conceive can admit of no contradiction.

We therefore acknowledge ourselves at a Loss to know, by what Right or Law *Fourteen Pence* Sterling, for every Tun of Burthen, has for a considerable Time past been levied on Vessels Trading here and not properly belonging to this Province; we very well know that an Act was made