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My Friends.

I hope I doo not improperly call you soe because in being soe you will Extremely befriend your selves as well as performe an act of Duty to the King and Justice to me. I am Equally a Stranger to you all but your being Represented men of Substance and Reputation in your part of the Bay which I presume falls within my Patent I chose to take this opportunity to begin our acquaintance and by you With the rest of the People on your Side of my Country and doe assure you and them that I will be soe farr from taking any advantage to draw great Proffets to my selfe that you shall finde me and my Government Easy free and Just. And as you shall Study to be faire and Respectfull to me and my Iust Interests I will not be short of giving you all Reasonable assurances on my Part that I will live Kindly and well with you and for this you have my word under my hand. I think fitt to Caution you (if within my bounds as I am ready to Believe but I desire no more then my owne) that none of you pay any more taxes or Sessments by any order or Law of Maryland for if you doo it will be greatly to your owne wrong as well as my Prejudice, though I am not Concious to my Selfe of such an Insufficiency of Power here with my Superiors as not to be able to wether that Difficulty if you should. But the opinion I have of the Lord Baltimore Prudence as well as Justice and of the Regard to your owne Interests and future good of your Posterity, makes me to waive all objections of that Nature and to hope we shall all doe the thing that is Just and honest (which is allwaies wise) according to our Respective Stations I have noe more to add, but my good wishes for all your happiness, and that by the help of Almighty God next Spring you shall have some testimony of my best Endeavours to Contribute towards it as becomes my duty to God to the King and to their people I am

Your Reall friend

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Pray salute me to all your Neighbours.

For James Frisby, Edward Jones  
Augustin Harman, George Oldfield  
Henry Ward and Henry Johnson at  
their Plantations In  
Pensylvania.