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We have at this distance to our great comfort and felicity beheld and admired your Maj<sup>ties</sup> like the Sunne in the Firmament not only dispersing all malicious and threatening Clouds of Popery but also nurrished and cherrished the Church of England the which we hope will prove a sweete smelling flower to your Majesties and your posterity for ever.

We humbly beseem yo<sup>r</sup> Maj<sup>ties</sup> to believe that we have a full sense of this our present happinesse and esteem this last blessing of Almighty God not only an earnest of His merciful kindness unto us and such as shall succeed us but as of a royal stamp of heaven upon your Maj<sup>ties</sup> dignity and undertakings.

We take the boldness to assert yo<sup>r</sup> Maj<sup>ties</sup> that we will behave ourselves in all the Circumstances of duty and loyalty as senseable and worthy of so great a blessing as by me shall not deface the Character, which (if soe small remote a handfull can add anything to yo<sup>r</sup> Majesties Service) shall be for ever legable in our Actions and effections.

We esteem this our Interest and Duty and therefore pray that Almighty God by whom Kings reign and who hath so signally crowned your Majesties with this favour would add length to your days and Tranquility. These are and shall be for ever our apprehensions and wishes which being sincere and hearty imbouldene us to lay before your most sacred Majesties our at present most deplorable condition which is that several persons who call themselves Protestants have overturned the Lawfull and peacable Government here of the Lord Baltmore under pretence of doing your Maj<sup>ties</sup> Service, whereas in truth we have just cause to believe, and doubt not but your Majesties will find they intended noe other than to gratifie their own ambitions and mallitious designes this not being the first tyme that some of the Ringleaders of them have attempted to make a rupture in the peace and government of this Province being persons that little regard either religion or justice furthur than to carry out their designes but denying us the benefitts of Lawes and Priviledges due to Englishmen terming us worse than Papists for that we would not joyne with them in overturning the said Government of the said Lord Baltmore whom we were well assured at the same time was a subject to your Majesties whose Orders to proclaim you there we dayly wished and hoped for the lives and conversations of which persons as also of us the subscribers we presume to say that divers merchants in London and Traders hither are capable to give a satisfactory account of these, terrifieing us with Troops of armed men and hauling several of us to prison with martial force and sometimes show-