

prietaries of the said Province by Charter of your royall Progenitors, wherein our Rights and Freedoms are so interwoven with his Lordships Prorogative that we have alwaies had the same liberties and priviledges secured to us as other your Majesties Subjects in the Kingdom of England And we again by virtue of the said Charter (as it enjoined us) have alwaies paid our obedience to the Lord Baltmore and his hon^{ble} father by whom equally and indifferently were justice, favour, authority and preferment administered, bestowed conferred, and given to and upon your Majestys Subjects of all persuasions.) Doe in prostrate and humble manner testifie to your Majestys that we abhor and detest the falsehood and unfaithfulness of John Coade, and other his Associates and Agents, who first by dispersing untrue Reports of prodigious Armies of Indians and French Papists invading us did stir up unjust jealousies and dismal apprehensions in the less cautious sort of people of this Province and then having thereby created in them unnecessary fears, and disposed the people to mutiny and tumult, made a furthur insurrection, and extorted the lawfull Government from the Lord Prop^{ty} who was alwaies as ready to redress our aggrievances as we to complain. And now the said Coade and his accomplices having assumed the Government upon themselves, and procured a convention to be tumultously assembled, did tyrannically imprison restrain and turn out of civil and military Comissions several of your Majesties good Subjects of unquestionable loyalty and affection to the Church of England, who approv'd not his Actions and who might justly by virtue of your Majestys Proclamation have continued in authority, and done your Maj^{ty} good service. And those delegates in that manner convened being part, or most of them, factious persons of no commendable life and conversation have arbitrarily decreed and ordained many things to the inconvenience of your Majesties People, placed the Militia of several Counties in the hands of unworthy and infamous persons and (the better to make their decrees be observed) many of the said Delegates have procured themselves to be put in judicial places, to the horror of your Majesties more peacable Subjects. From the dangers and apprehensions whereof, wee your Maj^{ties} loyall and dutiful Protestant Subjects in these our Addresses humbly crave by your Maj^{ties} care and prudence to be freed and enlarged, & that the Government together with your Majesties favour, and a lasting Settlement may be again restored to the R^t Hon^{ble} the Lord Baltmore, which will make him and us happy, and give us a new occasion to bless God & pray for y^r Maj^{ties} long life & happy Reign.

Tho: Smithson. Tho. Hopkins.
Ro. Gouldsbrough.