

England which teaches us to abhorre the traitorous position of taking armes on pretence of their Majesties' service against those comissionated by them, or their progenitors and to pray against conspiracy and sedition) for not adhering and consenting to them, shall (in their own words) be used worse than papists though onely the sense of our duty and doctrine of our church obliges us nott to stand in their Councill, their nott appearinge to us any necessity to justify risinge in armes. Therefore the humble request of your subscriber for himselfe and many other protestants true sonnes of the Church of England (who I fear are or may be prevented from makinge publick addresses) is th<sup>t</sup> your Lordshipp would be pleased to interceed for us to our gracious soveraign Lord and Lady th<sup>t</sup> they would not leave their most stedfast and faithfull subjects (who are of the same communion with their Majesties and ready to evidence it by swearinge allegiance and every other test or prooffe) to the passions and lusts of such mean and factious persons as now att present beare sway and daily threaten and imprison us to prevent our addresses to their Majesties. And that if it be their Majesties pleasure to send any Governor with their own comission, yett we may not for our peaceablenesse be accounted wantinge in duty but admitted to testify our affections to their Majesties by servinge in such employment as formerly in this Province and may be vindicated from the unjust aspersions of disloyalty and papistry and th<sup>t</sup> as wee are particulary threatend, soe their Maj<sup>ties</sup> would vouchsafe us a signall and speedie protection which if it comes by your Lordshipp's intercession will cause great thanksgiving to God & prayers of many for your Lordshipp, but of specially

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Your Lordshipp's most humble servant  
Thomas Smithson.

(Endorsed)

From M<sup>r</sup> Smithson.

Rec<sup>d</sup> from my Lord Bishop of London

1<sup>st</sup> Nov. 1690.

From the People of Mary<sup>d</sup> to the King.

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Maryland Iuly 11<sup>th</sup> 1690.

Dread Sovereign,

Your Majestie's most gracious letter to this Province of the first of febr<sup>ry</sup> last came most acceptably to our hands the 30<sup>th</sup> of May last, The receipt wherof wee the Grand Committee (constituted by the Representatives of this Province in a Generall Convention for the Administration of publick Affaires till your Maj<sup>ties</sup>' knowne pleasure or the next convention) have with all humility undertaken, By which wee perceive wee are