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qualified and empowered to continue and maintaine the peace and administration of the Lawes here, pursuant to which wee have done and proceeded accordng alsoe to your Maj<sup>ties</sup> most prudent directions of permitting the Lord Baltemore's Agents from thence forth to collect and receive his Lordshipp's part of the publick Revenues here humbly conceiving your Maj<sup>ties</sup>' said instructions had noe retrospect to what had been by us already and before the receipt thereof done in that particular, whereby wee thought fitt to return and remitt to your Majesties' Receiver Generall the whole imposition excepting onely what is necessarily expended or reserved for your Majesties and the countrys immediate service, An account whereof wee have sent to your Majesties' said Receiver thereunto with all humility referr, Wee have also herewith sent copy of the Act of Assembly by which the same became due to his Lordshipp and whereby it will appeare that the One moiety at least is for defraying the publick charges and provideing of publick and private Magazines in the respective Counties for their Defence and safeguard which not being complied with lyes at his Lordshipp's door to answer and make good, All publick charges haveing generally (and more esspecially since the present Lord Baltemore's accession to the Proprietary-shipp of this Province, been defrayed and paid by an equall assessment upon the Inhabitants by which it will appear that his Lordshipp is considerably in arrears to us your Maj<sup>ties</sup>' subjects here, Upon which account (Your Majestie haveing been most graciously pleased to take on you the immediate paternall princely care of Us) Wee have been induced to remitt the whole duties in to the hands of your Majestie's Receiver Generall as afore-said there to be lodged untill a full determination of what shall lye before your Majestie in dispute between his Lordshipp and your Majesty people here, not in the least doubting of full satisfaction from your most sacred Majestie in the measures of distributive justice; nor in the least presuming to determine the Proprietarie's Right untill your Majesties' pleasure therein. As to what may be offered to your Majestie from our adversaries in these parts, wee humbly appeale to our Innocency and your Majestys' gracious result upon respective pretended proofes that may appeare against us, humbly presuming to assure your Majesty that wee have acted nothing by any unjust restraint of persons or injury to property, Of all which we have made bold by meanes of Captain Iohn Coode Commander in Chief of your Majestie's Forces here to render a more particular account in severall letters to your Majesties' principall Secretaries of State.

As to Affaires relateing to your Majesty's service in the Northern parts of this Continent, haveing received certain