

your Pet^r's estates and imprisoned their Persons to the ruine of themselves and families, and have violently perverted the Laws of the Province having done what their own wicked Wills suggested which they maintain by force seeking to shelter their oppressions from your Majesties Ears by covering their Actions with the pretence of Zeale for your Maj^{ties} service, not regarding your Majesties gracious comānds by your Royal Letter of the first of February in the first year of your Reigne for the preservation of the peace of the said Province; and unjustly stileing those who will not join with them Traytors to your M^{ts} Government Notwithstanding your Petition^{rs} (as likewise several hundreds of your Majesties Protestant subjects of that your Province and who abhor the Actions of the said Coode and his Complices) no sooner received notice of your Majesties happy Accession to the Crowne but that they shewed themselves with all possible Demonstrations of Joys and only waited your Majesties Orders for your being proclaimed, The Declaration of the said Coode, and eight more persons, which he falsely says to be that of your Majestie's Protestant subjects of Maryland being most notoriously false as were also the subscriptions to the Addresses they presented to your Maj^{tie} forged as your Petitioner can make appear; Which persons have also levied Taxes on us illegally.

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Those and many other grievances and Irregularities which are set forth in several Addresses of your Maj^{ties} subjects of that your Province (and here ready in all humble manner to be tendred to your Maj^{tie}) will inevitably in a short time bring that your Ma^{ts} flourishing Province into Ruine and Confusion, unless your Maj^{tie} shall in your princely wisdom interpose your Royall Authority to put a stop thereto.

Your Petitioners therefore most humbly pray your Maj^{tie} That you will graciously be pleased to give your Orders that the said John Coode together with one Kenelm Cheselyn, who is one of his Accomplices and are both now here in London, may be sent for before your Maj^{tie} to answer the Complaints occasioned by the aforesaid oppressions of your Petitioner, and that your Maj^{tie} will be pleased to grant such Redress to your Pet^r against the said Coode and his Accomplices as upon making appear our said Grievances to your Maj^{tie} your Maj^{tie} in your Princely Justice and wisdome shall think fit.

And your Pet^r (as in duty bound) shall ever pray &c:

John Lillingston
Thomas Knighton
John Hinson.

George Lingan
Miles Gibson
Samuel Chew
Abraham Wilde.

Henry Coursey
Thomas Tailer
Richard Hill
Edward Dorsey.