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cōns in money at the inhansed value will (wee are well assured very much encrease yo<sup>r</sup> Ldspps Incomes to what they now are for that yo<sup>r</sup> Ldspps Rents which are now paid in Tobacco at 2<sup>d</sup> p<sup>lb</sup> is but losse to yo<sup>r</sup> Ldspps and the people thereby have (as it were) yo<sup>r</sup> Ldspps whole Province for nothing whereas if the Rents which dayly rise and encrease might be paid in money there's noe doubt but in a short time the same will be far more considerable than the duty of 2<sup>d</sup> p<sup>hh</sup> besides it is proposed to enrich and people yo<sup>r</sup> Ldspps Province by bringing in of money and Tradesmen of all sorts to follow their Callings and inhabitt the Townes as by the Proposealls to which wee referr being for our parts (as wee are sworne to serve your Ldspp) satisfied that if money be made current as it is proposed that it will infinitely redound to your Ldspps advantage and in a little time it will even encrease the duty of 2<sup>d</sup> p<sup>hh</sup> for the Encouragement thereby to shipping will enduce them abundantly to Trade into Maryland rather than to Virginia besides as money becomes plenty people and labour will encrease and the Export of Tobacco will follow in proper cōn. But the difficulty in returning of this money to yo<sup>r</sup> Lordspss is to be considered for thō it doe advance (as beyond all doubt it will) yo<sup>r</sup> Ldspps dues yett the payment as now made is farre more convenient to your Ldspps than twice as much in Maryland if not returned to answey yo<sup>r</sup> Ldspps occasion in England and this wee conceive may be effected as well then as now. For many especially the Londoners will as freely (prorato) pay their money there as here and with more ease than by procuring of p<sup>s</sup> of 8 shipping them Risque &c: and for the rest of the Traders they are for the most part but straglers whose money is more safe then their Bills and for soe much of your Lordspss dues as should be received here there's noe doubt but the same may be returned by Bills of Ex<sup>a</sup> more surely than at present for if money be made current the Planter Adventurer will have occasion for his money here and will give Bills in London being paid the difference twixt money there and here and for our parts wee are of opinion that yo<sup>r</sup> Ldspps dues will be returned then as well as now the consideration whereof is humbly submitted to your Lordspss But take as it will with yo<sup>r</sup> Ldspps the Lower House would by noe meanes heare of paying their Rents in money whereupon the whole matter was for the present layd aside and the Assembly prorogued to the second Tuesday in Aprill next what mind they will be of then wee know not, in the Intrim wee beg yo<sup>r</sup> Ldspps answey and resolve herein by first opportunity whereby we may take measures accordingly.

By the Journall yo<sup>r</sup> Ldspps will find the breifs corespond to the Coppies sent yo<sup>r</sup> Ldspps of such Acts as were passed