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Propositions humbly offered to
His Majesty

First. Pensilvania is at present much unsettled and in disorder I have sent a Gent. there privately to feel the pulses of the inhabitants thereof who are numerous and generally inclined and indeed uneasy till they are under their Maj^{ties} care and protection. It will be convenient to take some speedy care in that affair it is so adjoyned to this Province that it encourages false Traders here for Tobaccoe from Scotland and Holland and other places to the loss and prejudice of their Maj^{ties} customes, beside the Jacobite party (whereof Penn is notoriously known to be the head) will endeavor to involve that Country in troubles which will have some effect on this part of America. Moste people in these parts think itt will be much for His Maj^{ties} service to anex that Country to this Province, the two present Governors and others being very desirous of itt.

2^d To avoyd false Traders it will be convenient that all Masters of Shippes trading from England hither give Bonds in their several persons before they come out to pay all duties and customes and to bring certificates hither of their having given Bonds, and to give a Bond here to carry my receipts of their respective Certificates to the respective Portes, the mischief of their giving Bonds here often happens to be thus, the Masters can give no other surety than two Planters who generally prove to be insolvent when there is occasion to sue their Bonds and false certificates are often produced here by false Traders All which I hope may be prevented by following the methods proposed.

This Province having many very large and navigable Rivers in it, and at great distance from one another many ships goe out singly, and many false Traders from Scotland and Holland and interlopers from Africa escape unpunished there being no sufficient power to controul and stopp them Wherefore I humbly conceive it will be necessary for their Maj^{ties} service that I may have a Frigate here, the rather for that the French Privateers are often encouraged to annoy our shippes they finding no resistance. 4th This Province will never be happy till my Lord Baltimore's interest be bought out by His Majesty for while his interest continues his party will be considerable and on all occasions will be able to disturb the publick peace and quiet of this Government whereas if this Province were intire in his Majesty it would soon people the country and become as flourishing a Province as any.

5th That there may be no strict embargoe hereafter considering the small Traders here from the west of England who will