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the year 1691. to the then present Government of this Province, which was the convention of the Freemen of the same, freely and indifferently chosen out of each County) to comand them to permitt the Lord Baltemore to recover his revenues here arising, only reserving what had been usual for support of Government. In obedience thereunto they have yearly sent for England the twelve pence p hogshead given for that end and purpose of all such shipps that chanced in this Province, and have defrayed all publick charges of Govern^t by tobacco equally leavyed upon the Inhabitants thereof Butt soe it is may it please your Majesty before the arrival of your Maj^{ty}'s Governor here the said Convention had disposed off the summ of nine hundred and forty pounds sterling this yeares Revenue ariseing by the said Imposition for defraying the publick charges of the Government by which means your Maj^{ty}'s said Governor is debarred of a great part of this years revenue And whereas since his arrivall and settlement of the Govern^t by his great care and diligence in that matter there is no less than five and twenty ships discovered that departed this Province in the yeare 1690: without cleareing their shipps or paying the said imposition which your Maj^s Governor will use his endeavours to secure here from time to time as such shall arrive or come into this Province.

The Premises considered Wee your Maj: most humble Petitioners and faithfull subjects humbly beseech your most sacred Majesty that the said Imposition money of twelve pence p hhd by the said ships dicovered may be received here in this Province by your Majesty's Governor to his use, in consideration of what moneys the Country hath for support of the Government before since his arrivall made use of for soe farr as it will goe;

And wee your most loyall and obedient subjects as in duety bound shall ever pray for your Majesty's long and prosperous reigne over us.

Signed p Order of the House

Kenelm Cheseldyne

speaker.

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To the Kings most Excellent Majesties

The humble Representations of the Members of this present Assembly the Freemen and Representatives of this Your Majesties Province of Maryland.

May it please your Majestie,

Wee the Freemen and Representatives of this your Majes-