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That if money be made currant as it is proposed That it will infinitely redound to your Lordsp advantage and in a little time even Increase the duty of 2^s per hhd for the Encouragement thereby to shipping will induce them abundantly to trade into Maryland rather than to Virg^a Besides as money becomes plenty people and labour will Encrease and the Export of Tobacco will follow in proportion But the difficulty in returning of this money to y^r Lordsp is to be Considered for tho it doe Advance (as without all doubt it will your Lordsp dues yet the payment as now made is farr more Convenient to your Lordsp then twice as much in Maryland if not returned to answer your Lordsp occasions in England And this wee conceive may be effected as well then as now For many especially the Londoners will as freely (pro rato) pay their money there as here and with more ease then by procuring of ps of 8 shipping them Risque etc 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 Lordsp's dues as should be rents here theres noe doubt but the same may be returned by bills of Exchange more securely than at present for if money be made currant the planter Adventurer will have occasion for his money here and will give bills on London being payd the difference twixt money there and here For our part we are of opinion that your Lordsp's dues will be returned then as well as now the consideration whereof is humbly submitted to your Lordsp But take as it will with your Lordsp the Lower house would by noe meanes hearing 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 Interim wee begg yo^r Lordsp's answer and Resolve herein by first opportunity whereby we may take measures accordingly By the journall your Lordsp will find the breife Corresponds to the coppies sent yo^r Lordsp of such accounts as were passed in this assembly amongst which there's one for an Anniversary day of thanksgiving forever for the birth of the prince which we hope will be acceptably taken as the intent was dutifull and loyall your Lordsp will herewith also receive two private addresses to which we thought fit to put a stop wee doe not meane to Addressing or hindering any from soe doing but because the same were obteyned at the request of other separate and private interests and designed to have been presented to the King by others not your Lordsp's hands perhaps intended to your Lordsp's prejudices Wherefore wee thought fit to order soe as that noe addresse; should goe hence but thro your Lordsp' hands and accordingly both said Addresses are herewith Enclosed to your

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