

actions there, however provoking prevent, I dare say, the full operation of that Kind & indulgent Disposition prevailing both in His Majesty & His Parliament to give to the Trade & Interests of America, every Relief, which the true State of their Circumstances demands, or admits

Nothing will tend more effectually to every conciliating Purpose, & there is nothing therefore I have in Command more earnestly to require of you than that you should exert yourself in recommending it strongly to the Assembly, that full & ample Compensation be made to those, who, from the madness of the People, have suffered for their Deference to Acts of the British Legislature; and you will be particularly attentive that such Persons be effectually secured from any farther Insult; And that as far as in you lies you will take Care by your Example & Influence, that they may be treated with that Respect to their Persons & that Justice in regard to all their Pretensions which their Merits & their Suffering undoubtedly claim. The Resolutions of the House of Commons, which by His Majesty's Commands I transmit to you to be laid before the Assembly, will shew you the sense of that House on those Points; And I am persuaded, it will, as it certainly ought, be the Glory of that Assembly to adopt & imitate those Sentiments, of the British Parliament, founded on the clearest Principles of Humanity & Justice.

I must mention one Circumstance in particular, which ought to recommend those unhappy People, whom the Outrage of the Populace has driven from America, to the Affection of all that Country; which is, that unprovoked by the Injuries they had suffered, to a forgetfulness of what they owed to Truth & their Country, they gave their Testimonies with Knowledge, & without Passion or Prejudice; & those Testimonies had I believe great Weight in persuading the Repeal of the Stamp Act.

Your situation which has made you a Witness of the Distraction of that Country, will enable you to form the best Judgment of the Behaviour which your Province ought to use upon this Occasion, & of the Arguments which you ought to employ to enforce the necessity of such a Behaviour as is suitable to their present Circumstances.

I am, with great Truth and Regard

Sir

Your most obedient
humble Servant

H. S. Conway

Lieutenant Governor of Maryland.