

administration of Iustice and likewise other officers necessary and usefull in his Matys Government, comitted to the Imediate care and charge of your Ex^{cy} and that the honour obedience and respect due to Authority may be preserved and not by the vulgar slighted and contemned. Original
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We humbly beseech your Ex^{cy} will be pleased to use all suitable and direct means to support encourage and maintaine the same and with a kind and favourable aspect receive what we here begg leave to offer to the consideration of the Ex^{cy} for redress thereof which are as followeth.

The Justices of the severall County Courts have been arrested and by strict and unusual means compelled to make their appearance att Annapolis, as grievous offenders when in truth their faults if any were very Small, and pardonable to the lessening the esteem due to their offices, and to their great damage and Expences, and in like manner have the Vesterymen of Severall parishes been dealt with all upon very slight occasions to their greate loss and hinderance.

Further more we humbly make known to your Ex^{cy} that your Ex^{cy} sitting in view of the Provinciaall Court strikes an awfull fear upon Attorneys, Iurors and Suitors, giving their attendance there, and seems to restraine that liberty and freedom heretofore used to the great dissatisfaction of the Country.

All which we humbly Submitted to your Ex^{cy} great wisdom.

Signed p order
W Bladen Clk. house Del:

By the house of Delegates March 25th 1698.

This house having again Maturely debated what his Ex^{cy} was pleased yesterday to offer in relation to the Law proposed for new Modelizing the Militia do finde no reason to recede from their former vote thereon, and resolve not to make any such law.

Signed p order W Bladen Clk: house Del:

This Message and the above address sent to his Excellency and his Matys^s honourable Councill, by M^r Harris, M^r Hawkins, M^r Elisha Hall, M^r Benj. Hall, M^r Ferry, M^r Leech and M^r Lane.

M^r Charles Carroll Clk: of his Lordsp^s Land office, and M^r Charles Gregory Clk: to the Hon^{ble} S^r Thomas Laurence Barr^t his Matys Sec^{ry} appear in the house according to Sumōns last Wednesday to the said S^r Thomas and M^r Carroll. p. 188

M^r Gregory presented M^r Speaker with a letter from his master and an order of King and Councill.