

The humble address of the house of Delegates

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May it please yo^r Ex^{cy}

Where as his Ma^{ty} out of his princely Care to know how his Subjects in these remote parts are Governed has Comānded a Journall as well of the house of Delegates as of his Councilll be sent to the L^{ds} of the Councilll of Trade and plantations

1. That yo^r Ex^{cy} would grant that this house may Cause a Copy to be transcribed dureing the sessions and Sealed and sent by the house to p^rvent all Jealousies and suspitions of haveing of Lrēs Addresses and other publicque Acts Changed or altered through the mistake and deficiency of Clks in Transcribing or otherwise

2. And that whereas yo^r Ex^{cy} hath been often pleased to promise to maintaine our Just and Lawfull Rights & priviledges we therefore humbly Implore yo^r Ex^{cy} that neither Implicitely or Expressly to Menace Deterr or overawe the house or any member thereof from freely debateing matters in this house and humbly desire yo^r Ex^{cy} to App^rhend and think that we are his Ma^{ty}s Dutifull and Loyall Subjects

3. That no member of the house be declared Malignant ^{p. 31} nor Comānded before the Councilll nor any otherwise disturbed or sumoned by his Ma^{ty}s writt of Venire for their free speaking in the House as long as they keep themselves within their Duty to his Ma^{ty} nor that yo^r Ex^{cy} would trouble any member for any Sly secret and Comonly falce reportes of any thing done in the house but onely take Notice of what is reported to you from the house and no further.

4. That yo^r Ex^{cy} receive into your Speciall protection all such Gentlemen as for no reward Serve his Ma^{ty} in the office of Justice of peace and other offices and not Suffer them to be harrast & troubled upon obsolete Laws or otherwise unjustly and nothing materiall proved Ag^t them

5. And that yo^r Ex^{cy} would Abstaine from Calling the Clks of the Comittees upon Oath to discover all done in their Comittees &c.

6. And whereas Juryes are allways Accompted An Especiall Bullworke to protect our libertyes and priviledges from Arbitrary Governm^t we therefore make our humble Addresses That no Iuro^{rs} may be unjustly vexed menaced ove^rawed or Deterred for and from freely giveing their verdict according to their Conscience and Duty nor bound in any Recognizances for the peace or unjustly p^rsecuted for so doing but that they may have freedome and liberty freely & Clearly to give their Verdict without any App^rhensions of fear or Danger and be saved harmless for the same unless they may Justly