

The address to his Ex^{cy} and Councill for redressing of L. H. J. aggreivances was read.

To his Ex^{cy} Francis Nicholson Esq. Cap^t Gen^l and Gov^r in cheife in and over his Mat^{ys} province and Territory of Maryland and the Hon^{ble} Councill.

The humble address of the house of Delegates.

May it please your Ex^{cy}

Whereas his Mat^{ties} out of his princely care to know how his Subjects in these remote parts are Governed has comanded that as well a Journall of the house of Delegates as of his Councill be sent to the Lords of the Councill for trade and plantacōns.

1. That your 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 prevent all Jealousies and Suspitions of having our Letters, addresses and publick acts changed or altered through the mistake or deficiency of Clarks in transcribing or otherwise.

2. That whereas your Ex^{cy} hath been often pleased to promise to mantaine our Just and Lawfull rights and priviledges.

Wee therefore humbly implore your Ex^{cy} that neither Implicitely or Expressly to menace, deter, or over awe the house or any member thereof from freely debateing matters in this house and humbly desire your Ex^{cy} to apprehend and thinke we are his Maj^{ties} dutifull and Loyall Subjects.

3. That no member of the house be declared Malignant, or comanded before the Councill nor any other wayes disturbed or sūmoned by his Mat^{ties} writt of venire for their free speaking in the house as long as they keep themselves within their duty to his Maj^{ty} nor that your Ex^{cy} would trouble any member for any Sly Secret or Comonly false report of any thing done in the house but only take notice of what is reported from the house and noe further.

4. That your Ex^{cy} would receive into your Speciall protection all such Gentm as for no reward Serve his Mat^y: in the office of Justice of peace and other officers and not suffer them to be troubled upon obsolete Laws or otherwise unjustly, and nothing proved against them. p. 255

5. And that your Ex^{cy} would abstaine from calling the cks of the Comittees upon oath to discover all done in their Comittees.

6. And whereas Juryes are always accounted an Especiall Bulwarke to protect our liberties and priviledges from Arbitrary Govern^t