

March the 25th 1698.

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This House hauing again Maturly Debated what his Ex^{ncy} was Yesterday pleased to Offer in relation to the Law proposed for New Modellizing the Millitia Do find noe reason to recede from their former Vote thereon, and resolute not to Make any such Law

Signed p Ord^r
W Bladen Cl. Dom Del.

Also the following address brought from the house of Delegates by M^r Hall & Sev^{ll} other members

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To his Ex^{cy} the Govern^r and his Maj^{ties} hono^{ble} Council

The Humble Address of the House of Delegates

May It please y^r Ex^{ncy}

We the Delegates out of our bounden duty And Duty and p. 52
Sincere affections towards your Ex^{cy} doe Looke upon our Selves to be in a Strict manner oblidge to represent to your Ex^{cy} all such Matters which may any wise tend to the dishon^r and Dissatisfaction of those his Maj^{ties} Subjects whom Y^r Ex^{ncy} has been pleased to put in places of power, & Trust for the due Administracōn of Justice, and likewise other Officers necessary & Usefull in that his Maj^{ties} Govern^{mt} comitted to the Immediate care and Charge of your Ex^{ncy} And th^t the hon^r Obedience and respect due to Authority may be p^rferred and not by the Vulgar Slighted & contemned, We humbly beesech y^r Ex^{ncy}, will be pleased to Use all Suitable and direct Meanes, to Support Encourage and Mentaine the Same, and with a kind and fauourable aspect receiue what we here begg Leaue humbly to offer to the Consideracōn of Y^r Ex^{ncy} for redress thereof

Such are as followeth

The Justices of Sev^{ll} Countys haue been Arrested & by Strict and Unusuall Meanes Compelled to make their Appearance at Annapolis as grieuous Offend^{rs} When in Truth their faults if any, were very Small & pardonable to the lessening the Esteeme due to their Offices and to their great damāges, and Expences, and in like manner haue the Vestry Men of Sev^{ll} parishes has beene dealt withall upon very Slight Occasions to their great loss and hindrance furthermore we humbly make knowne to your Ex^{ncy} of the Prov^{ll} Court Sitting in View Strikes an Awfull feare upon Attornys, Jurors and Suiters, giuing their Attendance there and Seems to restraine that Liberty and ffreedom heretofore