

Original Journal. To his Excellency Nathaniel Blakiston Esq' Cap' General and Governour in chief in and over his Majesty's Province of Maryland
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We the Members of his Majesty's Council of this Province having been acquainted by your Excellency that upon occasion of your Indisposure of health since you have been among us, your Excellency has requested and obtained his Majesty's Leave to return for England for Recovery thereof, cannot hold ourselves Excused from Expressing to you the Extreame Sorrow and regrett we have upon your Excellency's Departure from us We must ever acknowledge the great Ease & Happiness we have constantly enjoyed in your just moderate generous & equitable Treatment, not only of ourselves but all his Majesty's Subjects of this Province under your Government, which we and they are always obliged in Gratitude to declare having Enjoyed so great a happiness thereby: We should be heartily glad that the State of your Excellency's Health would permitt your longer stay among us, which we are very well assured would be both for the Interest of his Majesty and the great Benefit & Satisfaction of the Inhabitants: As for ourselves in particular, we give your Excellency our hearty thanks so justly due for the many Favours and kind Friendships your Excellency has on all occasions been pleased to Express to us, and if we can no longer be so happy as to Enjoy the Advantage and Pleasure of your Excellency's Continuance amongst us, we must tho with great Reluctance Submitt, to what may best Conduce to your Excellency's Health & Advantage and beg you will give us Leave to assure you that our best wishes for your Excellency's Prosperity and Welfare shall ever attend you and we shall
p. 210 ever think our selves happy to demonstrate with how much affection and obligation we are

Your Excellency's most obedient and obliged
faithful humble Servants

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| John Addison | } | Rob ^t Smith |
| John Courts | | Edw ^d Lloyd |
| Tho ^s Brooke | | Will ^m Holland |
| Tho ^s Tench | | Ja ^s Sanders |
| John Hammond | | |

His Excellency gives them his Thanks for their kind sentiments and does acknowledge that his Majesty and this Province have been very happy in such worthy Members and he shall ever be very ready to do any particular Service in his Power to any of them.