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May it please Your Ex^{cy}

His Ma^{ts} Lre: of the 19th of Ianuary 1701/2 and your Ex^{cy} Speech on that Subject touching a supply of money to New Yorke has been seriously debated and considered and our Loyalty and Duty to his Mat^y haveing carried us on thro' all other difficulty's and obstructions we have resolved on a supply of money to the utmost degree of what we have or cann by any ways or means attaine to w^{ch} with trouble of minde wee are forced to acknowledge will not amount to above three hundred pounds w^{ch} altho' it be not the whole sume mencōned

Yett it is all we have or cann gett and by w^{ch} we are constrained to leave some just debt of the publick unpaid and our selves in a weake State of defence ag^t our comōn enemy the Indians who are daily anoying our ffrontiers.

And because wee have great reason to believe that our neighbours of New Yorke has not used us fairly in their rep^rsenting our condition to his most sacred Majesty otherwise thⁿ what it really is and are well assured that it would be much more for his Ma^{ts} Service to apply the said money and all the Strength we are able to exert to the defence of this his Maj^{tys} Province of Maryland in as great or greater danger then New Yorke and not to th^m who are much abler to defend themselves then wee and frome whose fortifications or other strength wee cann have noe manner of Safety or Security.

Wee beseech your Ex^{cy} plainly and Sincerely to represent the truth of our condicōn to his Mat^{ys} imploreing his Mat^{ys} Grace and favour to make good these assertions which are plain matter of fact and undoubted truths.

1. That the Indians of New Yorke have as easy and open access to us as to them who being a light flying wild barbarous kind of enemy are not obliged by the carriage of any baggage or artillery to keep the improved roads or pass by our fforts but cann easily and Suddenly descend upon us over the unbeaten and unoccupied mountaines as wee have found by Experience.

2^{dly} Wee have severall nations of Indians on our ffrontieres some between us and New Yorke and some to the Westward of us wide of New Yorke and some amongst us who are frequently comitting rapines and Murders on our frontier Inhabitants to secure whom as well as the province in Gen^{ll} this