

P. R. O. S^r

Wee are fully satisfied in the assurance you are pleased to giue us of your just and generous Administraon, and alsoe of yo^r resolution to protect us, in our lawfull rights and immunities and hope you shall alwayes find us an honest and sincere people, and wee pray God bless your Ex^{cy}, and all yours among us, and make your Governement long and happy over us.

Signed p order of the house of Delegates p [sic.]
Aprill the 27th 1704

Which being read and approved of, its ordered the same be signed and sent up to his Excellency.

Ordered th^t the late Governour Blakistons letter be read in the house, and here Entred as followes

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July the 30th 1703

Gent

I haue the Vanity to belieue itt will bee needless for me to tell you how great a regard I haue for the hon^{ble} Councill, and the generall Assembly of the Province of Maryland, and the inhabitants thereof, the Proofs I haue rec^d of their respects are many, and I hope since I came from thence you haue not just reason to say you haue made any discovery to the contrary but that all my actions were hon^{ble}, tho' perhaps some Malicious persons may have taken some paines to defame me, but I may justly defy the most ill natured, and will onely appeale to your selues

Gent This you'l receiue by the hands of my old friend & worthy Acquaintance Col^t John Seymour, whome her majesty has been pleased to devolve the Governement upon, in my Roome, and I that haue soe great a Veneration for you, and yo^r ease and Governement, doe assure you, if itt had been att my owne Election, I could not haue wished you a person of more strict honour and justice, and the best naturall Disposition you would hope for, The foure years I had the happiness to be amongst you I am not conscious to my selfe, there was two of the whole Councill and Assembly Dissatisfied att my weak Endeavours in my admaōn in the Governement, and am very well assured you will in this gent receiue the same blessing, and what ever Marks of favour you will shew him he will truly meritt itt

Att my comeing away, you were pleased to confirme me in your good opinion of appointing me your Agent, and I