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Nov^{ber} the 26th 98.

Rec ^d Then of George Plater one Sett of Bills of Exch drawn by Henry Heard on George Cole Merch ^t in London being for Maryland Dutyes on the Ship Nonsuch belonging to Biddi- ford	}	l. s. d. 14. 19. 06
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p me ffr. Nicholson

To his Ex^{cy} Francis Nicholson Esq^r Cap^t gen and Gov^r of
 this his Matys Province and Territory of Maryland &c.

S^r

haveing lately rec^d Intimation from your Selfe and Severall
 others that his Maty hath thought fitt to remove you to
 Another Governm^t that of our Neighbour Colony of Virginia
 and reflecting with our Selves how becoming a thing it is to
 have all ways a gratefull remembrance of benefitts received
 p. 246 we Cannot forbear to leave this Testimony & Acknowledgm^t
 under our hands as it proceeds from our hearts.

That in your Conduct over us in this place your great Care
 and Study has been to promote the practice of piety and the
 worship of Almighty God by Errecting Churches Scholes &
 Nurseryes of Learning both for reforming of Manners and
 Education of youth wherein you have been not onely a large
 benefactor but an indefattigable promoter, together with your
 Integrity in Maintaining his Matys hono^r and Authority in
 this Province your Care in provideing Arms & Military In-
 struments for defence of it your regulateing and hapy Settle-
 ment of the Civill Constitution both as to the Courts of Jus-
 tice And in bringing us out of Debt which the publick was in
 into a Condition Clear of Debt and money in bank, by your
 promotion of good Laws to such purposes, your great Care
 to Cause Speedy Iustice Administred to all persons, your pious
 and Iust your noble and benevolent Carriage in all things
 deserves better pensns and would take up more paper then
 this to recount.

Be pleased therefore honrd S^r to Accept of these our humble
 Acknowledgm^{ts} for the Same as the Iust tho: Slender tribute
 of an oblieged people to a generous and good Coverno^r pray-
 ing to God to bless you So prays yo^r humble & Oblieged
 Servants

Hen Iowles Chancell ^r } Charles Hutchins } Robert Smith } Tho: Tasker }	}	Thomas Tench } John Addison } James Keech } John Hamond }	}	Thomas Brooke } & } James Frisby } John Hawkins } } }	his Matys Councill Justices of the Prov ^{ll} Court
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