

Lib. X. the future it appearing to us that your Excellency is desirous & inclined rather to caution & prevent the evil than punish for it & not to take advantage against any for what is past provided they behave themselves as they ought for the future & we hope all persons take due notice & conform themselves as they will answer the Contrary at their utmost peril

Robert Smith	}	Tho Tasker	}	Justices of the Prov ^t Court
John Hammond		In ^o Hawkins		
Richard Hill				

To his Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq^r Captain General & Commander in chief of the Province of Maryland

We whose Names are Subscribed being present on Saturday last being the 3^d Instant in the Provincial Court at which time your Excellency was pleased with his Majestys honble Council to come & declare to the Court & County then present the several Devises & wicked Machinations that of late had most maliciously & falsly been Invented studied & spread abroad to the defaming & Scandal trouble & desquiet of this happy Gov^t & the Hon^r & Verascity of the Gov^t as well as by what p. 158 you were then pleased to declare & make publick as by several other pregnant reasons & proofs being so fully & Clearly Vindicated & the malitious designs aforesaid so palpably detected & their contrivances we hope almost brought to nought & supprest we conceive ourselves obliged in Gratitude & good manners to your Exc^y & in Love & Good will to our Country humbly represent the same to your Exc^y & pray

1 That you will Continue this your Goodness & care of us

2 That you will by some proclamation or other publick instrument (as your wisdom shall advise) make the same known through the whole Province not only to Quiet the minds of those that may have any distrust or doubt but to warn & caution all others to avoid such wicked designs & Contrivances or the least to Engage or be seduced by them that thereby they may avoid those just Punishments that some are deservedly fallen into for the same

In this we speak our own hearts & minds & we verily believe of all those that heard the same & humbly Subscribe our names.

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