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beleive us the most capeable and propper to informe your Ex^{cy} how farr the present constitution of this province is Able to comply therewith And that yor Ex^{cy} will be Assur'd that nothing will be omitted by us that with the safety and good of our Countrey Wee can doe.

Wee returne you our humble thanks for the intimacon yor Ex^{cy} is pleasd to give us of some designe carrying on Against us And beseech you to make the same more plaine to our Speaker as you were pleas'd to say that we may take suitable measures therein.

Wee have resolvd the revising our Laws and whatever appeares deficient therein wilbe provided for Suppression of Vise and imorality and wee pray your Ex^{cy} to give Strict charge to all officers and Ministers through your Government Whose duty itt is to putt the same laws in Vigorous Execution by causing the same to be Strictly observed, since good laws without due Execution & observance are but dead Letters to noe purpose.

Wee hope your Ex^{cy} is sattisfyed that Wee do not trifle away any time but doe Attend the business for Which wee came And wee Assure you that hitherto our debates has been moderate and candid And hope none is enclined to foment nor are Wee to receive any the least Suspiccons or Iealousy of your Ex^{cy} since both your words and Actions has given us suce Ample Assureance of your Generous resolucons of Governing us by the laws, protecting of us in our rights And being ready to Assent to any thing for the reall benefitt of this province And wee are well confirmd in opinion that the hono^{r} of our Sovereigne and Welfare of this province are so inseperably Annext that they are never to be parted.

Worthy Sr Wee are deeply sencible of yor Generous and Just carriage to us and hope you shall Allways finde us A Gratefull peaceable and modest people And As Wee Pray for her Maj^{ts} long and happy reigne soe wee doe for your Government over us. Signd ꝑ order Wm Taylard Cl h D

By the house of Delegates
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Which being read and approved of by the house was sent up to his Ex^{cy} and councill by Mr Wm Frisby Coll Edwd Dorsey Mr How Mr Gerrard Fowlke and Mr Francis Dellahyde.

They returne and say they delivered the same.

Robt Smith Esqr from the honob Councill enters the house and delivers Mr Speaker the peticon of Mr Ioseph Holt returnd endorsd As followeth