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2. We do Conceive that New York having Power and Authority will upon all occasions Command from us such forces as they shall think fitt for the Safety and Strengthening themselves as will in great measure weaken this Province (now but thinly seated) and thereby leave the remaining part of the Inhabitants here open to the Incursions of the Common Enemy the Indians by whom we are invironed and many of them as near to us as those of New York who are often Committing murders on the Inhabitants here and have lately destroyed several Persons and having opportunity of Joyning with the Several Nations of Indians now among us to Effect their designs leaving us in a deplorable Condition the Lives of the Inhabitants greatly hazarded thereby and the Province in general in danger of being totally laid waste

3. That it will be very disadvantageous to the Inhabitants of this Province upon all occasions as Councils Assemblys General Courts and upon Appeals and Differences betwixt party and party to travel thither it being near four hundred miles distant from us and the ways unpassable in the Winter Season by Reason of the desert Roads violent Frosts, deep Snows and the difficulty in passing the Rivers and Bays so that the poorer Sort of People will not be able to undergo such great Charge and Fatigue and the richer to Avoid it will remove themselves and their Estates to England or other Parts and so tend to the ruin of the Tobacco Trade and consequently lessen the Revenue of the Crown

4. That the Constitution of this Province to theirs is so disagreeable and of so different a nature both in Traffick and other Things that the Laws there composed Cannot be agreeable to the Trade and Affairs of the Country nor the Constitution of the Inhabitants thereof

It is humbly offered to the Consideration of the honorable House of Delegates whether it may be of Service to the Country that a certain summe of mony be raised and Lodged in the hands of some able Merchant or Merchants in London ready to be called out upon any occasion for the better Encouraging the persons negotiating this Affair and whether or no it may not be thought of Service to the Country that some person be appointed by the House and sent home with such Pacquetts for their more Safe and Speedy Conveyance

Signed p order Tho^s Jones Cl Com.

By the Conference appointed by his Ex^{cy} the Governour and Council and Assembly to Enquire into some Aggrievances relating to the Land office and the Lord Baltimores Agents &c.

The Conferees having laid before them and read the Message of the House on this Subject and the order of his late