

Province and the Office of Keeper of your Majesty's Great Seal of this Province being in one individual Person consist not with the good Government thereof for thereby it comes to pass that when an Appeal is granted before the Governor and Council after a Decree in Chancery that the same individual Person which gave the Decree is also Judge in the Appeal, of the bad Consequence whereof your Majesty's Subjects here being very sensible, in most humble Manner implore your Majesty of your Grace and Clemency to provide a proper Remedy.

L. H. J.
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Signed p the Honble Council and House of Delegates.
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To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty

The humble Address of your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects the Delegates and Representatives of the severall and respective Counties of your Majesty's Province of Maryland now sitting in a General Assembly;

Sheweth to your Majesty That his Excellency John Seymour Esq. our late Governor hath given us to understand your Majesty's Dissassent to two Laws lately passed here, one about the Gauge of Tobacco Hogsheads the other against cropping and defacing the same, which we believe your Majesty would not have denied your Royal Assent to if any had appeared for us to have made your Majesty sensible of the Reasonableness of the said Laws And first we humbly beg Leave to lay before your Majesty the true State of the Trade of this Province, and so it is that the Merchants living at London most usually during the Wars adventure little on their own Account most great Ships coming chiefly on Freight to which the Merchants and Owners have great Encouragement by the Artifices of raising it to an extravagant Rate that the Tobacco that loads and employs so many large and defensible Ships pays such vast Sums to your Majesty and purchases such Abundance of the Goods and Manufactures of Great Britian is chiefly the proper Tobacco of the Planters Merchants and Inhabitants of this Province and at their proper Risque and Hazard sent to London, and tho' it produces little to us the Merchants who acts as our Factors thereby with little Hazard most certainly gather vast [sums] by their Commissions and other Perquisites which they make and by laying Obligations on the Masters of such Ships to take no Tobacco on Freight but from such who will consign to the Employers of such Masters especially when they have so much Advantage by Plenty of Freighters as to force it; thereby engrossing all the Consignments they can to themselves and frustrating the publick and

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