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Present

His Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq^r Governor

The honourable { Benjamin Tasker Esq^r Edmund Jenings Esq^r Col Levin Gale

The following Remonstrance and Letters being laid before this Board and the Board being informed that Copies of the said Letters were delivered to the said Charles Carroll anp Vachel Denton; It is their opinion, that the same together with the Order of Council of the 11th of October last, be Printed, that the Country may be fully apprized of everything that has Passed relating to the Applications for Copies of any papers out of the publick Offices

To his Excellency Samuel Ogle Esqr Governor of Maryland

The Remonstrance of Charles Carroll, Vachel Denton, Edward Sprigg, Turnor Wootton, Osborn Sprigg, and John Magruder, Members of the House of Delegates of the said Province appointed to take Copies of Records and transmit the same to Great Britain &c^a

May it please your Excellency

We are really concerned that any Act supposed to be Ours should give Offence, being what by all means we desire to avoid

Observing A Letter from M^r Stephen Bordley to M^r William Ghiselin dated 19 June 1739, made part of the proceedings of Council, as if the same had been from us, or by our Order, obliges us to presume to set that matter in its proper Light to your Excellency

That the said Letter was not wrote or sent by our Order, or with our Knowledge we hope the paper hereto annexed signed by Mr Bordley will satisfy your Excellency in that point, as likewise that no use was made of the Key of the Assembly Office

If your Excellency shall be pleased to permit that M^r William Ghiselin be examined as to the Circumstances attending that Affair, we humbly presume to say he will declare to the same Effect, as we doubt not his Veracity

We humbly hope that no Transaction of ours executed by Virtue of any order of the House of Delegates, will bear being interpreted in any wise to Command any Persons whatever or in the least to oppose Government.

With Regard to the Denomination of Committee, which seems to have given Offence we humbly conceive it to be but