

see them qualified by taking the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament L. H. J.  
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They return and say they seen them qualified.

The Committee of Laws enter the House and deliver M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the following in Answer to his Excy's Speech which being read was approved of and ordered to be entered as follows Viz.

To his Excy John Hart Esq<sup>r</sup> Capt. General and Governor in Chief of her Majesty's Province of Maryland.

May it please your Excy

We the Delegates of this Province now convened in a general Assembly return your Excy our most humble and hearty Thanks for the compassionate Concern you are pleased to express at the Misfortune we have lain under in Respect to Trade and for your Excys so tenderly recommending to us the Consideration of a Remedy. It's a great Satisfaction to us that your Excy is an Eye Witness to the Lowness of that Ebb, which this Province in it's Circumstances is reduced to and that you are pleased to take such particular Notice of it.

Our deplorable Condition being known we hope the Speedier Relief from that Maj<sup>ty</sup> that never yet denied her Royal Aid to any of her suffering Subjects that implored it. Her Majesty's prevailing Endeavours in the procuring of that Peace that has removed so many Burthens from our Trade justly claims the most hearty and sincere Acknowledgement that can be made from dutiful and loyal Subjects to the best of Princes; but yet we fear so far have we been influenced by the War that without our Sovereign's more particular Grace and Favour extended to us we shall not be able by any Endeavours of our own to recover our lost Circumstances nor prevent the total Ruin of the Tobacco Trade which is our only Staple. We shall always pay a strict Deference to her Majesty's Royal Instructions and shall readily and chearfully apply ourselves to the Performance of them. We heartily congratulate your Excellency's safe Arrival here and acknowledge our utmost Obligations to her Majesty for favouring us with your Excellency's Administration under whose Government we assure ourselves of being a happy People

Signed p Order Tho<sup>s</sup> Macnemara Cl. ho: Del.

Ordered That Col<sup>o</sup> Matthew Tilghman Ward, M<sup>r</sup> Robert Tyler, M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Worthington, M<sup>r</sup> James Makall, M<sup>r</sup> James Stoddart, Captain Henry Ennalls, M<sup>r</sup> Edward Scott, M<sup>r</sup> James Lloyd, Capt. Daniel Mariartee and Major Thomas Sprigg present the same to his Excy. p. 435