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By the Lower House of Assembly

To His Excell^{ty} John Hart Esq^r Governour of Maryland

May It please your Excellency

By what your Excellency was pleased to say at the opening of this Session We perceive those Reports are not further to be regarded which at our last meeting induced us to address your Excellency for a prorogation to prevent what we then feared would have proved a fruitless Charge & Trouble. And Since your Excellency has not received any Instructions to the Contrary of what you were then pleased to recommend, we shall proceed to the Consideration & dispatch thereof in the best manner we are able. We heartily congratulate his Lordship on his Restoration to his Government & acknowledge his Majesty's Bounty in approving your Excellency to be our Governour, a Choice (which were It in our own power) we ourselves should make

The great Goodness of his Majesty (so well known to all that know him) The assurance your Excellency has given us of his Lordship's the Lord Guilfords Resolutions to promote the Welfare of this Province, the Character of our Lord Proprietor, And the Experience of yourself give us Reason to hope we shall not now be a less happy people than we were when under the immediate Government of that Majesty who is indeed our Faith's Defender

p. 163 Tis with great Satisfaction we find our Religion so well Secured under a Protestant King Lord & Governour These happy Circumstances give us a Satisfactory Assurance that the aspiring Interest of those that term us Hereticks will not be able to prevail against us

Your Excellency's impartiality has been convincingly expressed by your unbyassed Administration and since Justice & the Laws are your Excellency's Rules we hope we shall never be so far mistaken in our Duty or Interest as to neglect any part of our Endeavours to support your Excellency & the Honour & Dignity of his Lordship's Government The just Consideration your Excellency has of the Burthen of long & frequent Assemblys gives us hopes the necessary Alterations in the Stile of our Laws will not be unacceptable

We gratefully acknowledge your Excellencys great Condescension in parting with so considerable a Benefitt as that of the Seals on this Occasion more for the sake of lessening the publick Charge And in pursuance of the same End we