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Men to defend this Country against the brutal French, & their Allies, the savage Indians, who were then committing the most shocking Barbarities and uncommon Cruelties imaginable on our Fellow Creatures, and Countrymen, who could have no Consolation in their distress, but that of seeing Hundreds, in their own, unhappy & lamentable Circumstances, this gives great Concern, and more when we reflect on the great Danger and Mischiefs, that may speedily arise within this Government, by the Increase of Popish Recusants, among us and considering the great Resort of Jesuits to this Country who are daily endeavouring to seduce his Majestys good Subjects from their Religion and Allegiance, and how much his Majestys protestant Subjects, are disheartened to see Priests and Jesuits, accumulating great Wealth, and enjoying some of the best Estates in the Province, contrary to Law, and good Government: and also to see Men highly to be suspected of Popery and who were educated at S<sup>t</sup> Omer's, and brought up in that Religion admitted into Employments of great Trust, and Profit, we cannot omit on this Occasion to return you our sincere Thanks, and to express our Approbation of your Address to his Excellency the Governor, dated the 6<sup>th</sup> July 1755: and printed in the Maryland Gazette, requesting of his Excellency the Execution of the Penal Laws of England against the Papists of this Province and though we have the Mortification to find that your said Address had not the desired Effect, yet we intreat you not to be discouraged from farther attempting our Relief and Security by transmitting to his most sacred Majesty, a true State of our present Situation and Grievances and imploring his Interposition, and Protection; And we do hereby engage to support your Undertaking to the utmost of our Abilities, and with our Lives and Fortunes to maintain, and defend his Majesty's Rights, in this Dominion.

To the Honourable the House of Delegates of the Province of Maryland, in Assembly convened.

The Petition of the Freemen, and the Electors of Charles County sheweth.

That your Petitioners daily suffer many Aggrievances, Extortions, and Oppressions under the Government of the Right honourable the Lord Baltimore, which we are certain we should be relieved from, could they be properly represented to his most sacred Majesty who on all Occasions has shewn the greatest readiness, to relieve his distressed Subjects, though ever so remote, we therefore most humbly pray, notwithstanding, your Bill for an Agent has been denied by his Lordships Council, who take upon them the Right of