At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Saturday Lib. J. R
the 15ᵗʰ Day of April in the seventh year of his Lordship's & U. S.
Dominion Annoque Domini 1758..

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esqʳ Governor.

The honourable	⎰ Samuel Chamberlaine Esq. Col: Benjamin Tasker Richard Lee Esq. ⎱	Col: William Goldsbor-ough Col: Robᵗ Jenckins Henry Daniel Dulany Esq.

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the follᵍ Letters.

Cecil County Maryland 4ᵗʰ March 1758..

May it please your Excellency.

We have received Mʳ Ross's Letters with a Copy of a Remonstrance preferred to your Excellency agᵗ our Conduct as Justices of the peace. We in most humble manner return you our hearty Thanks for the Justice and Favour your Excellency has been pleased to do us in giving us an opportunity to answer to the Charge exhibited against us, we must acknowledge that a Remonstrance of that Nature might have justly influenced your Excellency to have proceeded agᵗ us in a different Manner.

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We beg Leave to inform your Excellency that we have had the Honour to be in the Commission of the Peace for this County twenty odd years, and have the Satisfaction to say that in all that Time, neither the Force of Parties, or the many Changes which have happened in that Course of years, never produced any Charge against us, tho' we readily acknowledge if those Facts now exhibited were true the Rectitude of our former Conduct would not excuse us.

Therefore we jointly do and each of us doth for himself deny the Truth of all and every Matter and Things charged in the Remonstrance aforesaid, excepting Error in Judgment to which the best of Men may be liable, and we are induced to hope it will appear so on your Excellency's Examination thereof.

Your Excellency's most obliged humble Servants.

John Veazey.　　P.. Bayard.

May it please your Excellency

We beg Leave to let your Excellency know that in obedience to your order we are now in Town and will agreeable to Summons attend your Excellency at the Council Board but

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