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Sir

To the honble Daniel Dulany Esq^r Secretary of the Province of Maryland. Your Obed^t Serv^{ts}
Sons of Liberty

I beg leave to represent to this honourable Board that I received, this Day the Letter hereunto annexed, and have understood a Number of People are expected to Assemble here on the 28th Instant, in order to oblige the several Officers to open their Offices, and without paying any Regard to the late Act of Parliament for imposing Stamp Duties in America, to proceed to Business, and there is the greatest Reason to apprehend from the present popular Intemperance that, if any Officer should refuse to act as required, He will be exposed in his Person and his Property, to the Rage of the Populace.

I thought to have availed myself of the Circumstance of M^r Calvert's Death, and the appointment of M^r Hammersly to the Office of Secretary, but have been given to understand that if
p. 407 my Commission is at an End the Governor will be called upon to make a new Appointment.

In Proceeding to Business at this time, I should Act against my own Sentiments, and should have no Scruple in laying down my Office to avoid that very disagreeable Situation, if there were not Reasons to apprehend the most inconvenient Consequences to the Governor from my taking that Step, and in those, the utter Subversion of all Order.

A new Appointment requires the use of Stamp Paper, as much as the Process in the Courts of Law, and if a due Respect to the person of the Governor should not be preserved, He seems to have as little Power to protect himself, as I have, but if that Respect should be openly, and Violently trampled upon, and personal Indignities be offered, the Example, and the Consequences would be much worse in his Case than in that of a Subordinate Officer constrained to yield to the Times.

Under these Circumstances I request the Advice and Opinion of this Board, what Part I ought to take?

If matters should be pushed to the Extremities apprehended in Regard to the Officers, and there be probable Grounds to expect that upon my Resignation no Application for the purpose intimated will be made to his Excellency, I shall not hesitate one Moment in Resigning my Office. If it should be thought expedient for me to Continue in it in Order to avert the greater Inconvenience of an Insult to the Person of the Supreme Magistrate, I shall give up all thoughts of Resigning. If the latter Course should be advised in the present Distrac-