

Lib. J. R. His Excellency was pleased to lay before this Board the  
& U. S. following Petition from Numbers of the Inhabitants of Frederick County.

To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland.

The Petition of the Subscribing Inhabitants of Frederick County.

Most humbly Sheweth

That the present Scarcity of Money so sensibly felt throughout the whole Province is no where so fatal in its Consequences or pressed down with heavier Aggravation of Suffering, than within the Precincts of this County wherein the Numbers of the Public Creditors and the amount of their respective just Demands are well known far to exceed the Proportion of other Counties whose Properties they have defended in Attempting to secure their own and by keeping the Savage Enemy at a Distance, supported the Barrier, to the irreparable Loss of many poor Families among them whose Fathers, Brothers, Wives, and Children fell under the Gun or the Tomahawk, and by receiving the Bloody Stroke themselves averted it from those who shook at a Distance and were ready to fly, they knew not whether upon a bare Surmize of a remote Danger whereof they could not possibly form the least adequate Idea.

That most of the Survivors of such distressed Families their Children and Reliques are Inhabitants of this County where the Remembrance of their Losses the Ruin of their Fortunes, and the want of Payment of their Just Demands, upon the public for Services wherein their Lives, their Substance their all were embarked, have rendered them Objects of the Highest Compassion, and hold them forth to View as worthy the Care and Attendance of the Public, as being the most useful as well as most distressed of its Members.

That their hopes of Relief were vastly raised by your Excellency's Speech to both Houses on the Opening the Session the 26<sup>th</sup> of September last wherein your own benevolent Mind as well as your intimate knowledge of and Concern for the Welfare of the Province so strongly shine out, Hopes founded on the Strongest Foundation, a Provincial Fund established to be supported by easy and long experienced Methods of Taxation to be turned by way of Bills of Credit into common Circulation, for the more easy Discharge of Public and Private Contracts and by getting into the hands of Public Sufferers bring some tho' very partial Recompence of their long felt distresses, it being evident that such as are paid their original