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To his Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq^r Governour of Maryland
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May it Please your Excellency.

We his Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Representatives of the Freemen of Maryland in Assembly Convened return Your Excellency Our most Humble and Harty thanks for Your Kind Speech at the Opening of this Session: And as we received the News of the Marriage of the Princes Royal with his Serene Highness the prince of Orange with as much Joy and Satisfaction as Any of his Majestys faithful Subjects, so we shall be Very much wanting to Our selves, were we to neglect, this first Time of Our Meeting in Assembly since we herd of that great Event (Notwithstanding the Length of time) to Testify Our Joy on so Happy An Occasion; and of Expressing the Deepest sence of Gratitude to Our most Gracious Sovereign for His Paternal Care and Goodness in taking the wisest and most Certain Measures to Perpetuate to latest Posterity the same Felecities all His Subjects Enjoy under his Auspicious Government.

It is a Truth not to be Contradicted, that of the Many Inestimable Blessings which we Enjoy under His Majestys Most Mild and Just Government, the Liberty of Making such Laws not Inconsistent with those of Our Mother Country or with the Trade and Intrest thereof as may be most Proper to Promote Our own Welfare, is not the least; and it is equally True that the Advantages which we shall Derive from this Priviledge must be in Proportion to the Wisdom and Prudence that Govern Our Consultions and therefore we hope that Our Own Intrest and a Just sence of Our Duty to those we represent will so Govern us, as that the real Service of Our Country will be Our Only View which Nothing can promote more than such regulations concerning Our Staple Tobacco, as may keep up its Price.

We readily Agree with Your Excellency, That it is Our Interest always (the unsettled Condition of Europe may call upon [us] More Particularly at this Time) to have the Province in such a Posture of Defence, as may be sufficient, not only to Defeat but even to Prevent Any Attack from our Enemies and therefore We shall take due Care to Make as Good Provision for that purpose as Our Circumstances will admit of.

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No Arguments are needful to prove so selfe Evident a Truth as that the true Interest of the Province can Never be Pursued without A good agreement between the Several Branches of the Legislative: And We must gratefully acknowledge Your Reminding us of it;