

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly

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I was in great Hopes you would have entered upon the Consideration of the matters proposed in my message of the second Instant as you had assured me that you would deliberately consider of any Proposition I should make for the better Distribution and Security of the Provincial Arms and Ammunition, and give any Advice and Assistance in that Affair as you shall think agreeable to me, and continue to the Welfare of the Province

The Result of any Consideration upon these matters may easily and in a short time be passed into a Law besides the Arming Our Selves in a proper manner and putting Our Militia into such a condition as may enable them to withstand regular Troops as may Attack Us in an Affair of such great Importance to the Safety and Security of the People of this Province, and the Preservation of this part of his Majestys Dominions that it would well merit the calling together of An Assembly if there was no other Business whatsoever to be laid before it. The general Preservation of the province with all Our lives and Properties, is certainly a Point of infinitely greater Importance to Ourselves as well as Our Mother Country, than all other things under our Consideration at this time, however they may be enlarged upon & magnified

But if you think the Provision in one of the Militia Acts "whereby Persons Prest or Inlisted in Case of a Foreign Invasion, refusing upon their Officers Commands to appear and Serve in Arms, are Subjected to Prosecutions in the Provincial Court, and to be fined and imprisoned at the Discretion of that Court," is sufficient to instruct and discipline Militia, and enable them to withstand regular Troops, however mistaken you may be in such Notions, I have nothing to do but to acquiesce having nothing further in my Power but to give my Assent to any Law that you may think further necessary for that Purpose

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To his Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq^r Governor of Maryland

June 4

The humble Address of the House of Delegates of the said Province

May it please Your Excellency

We return your Excellency hearty Thanks for your Readiness in passing the Bill for Encouragement of his Majestys Levies into a Law a Thing very agreeable to this House

It gives us no small Concern, that after the most solemn Protestations and Assurances We have given to the Contrary we should by your Excellency be suspected of an Intention to keep Back the