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 nors of the said Province have never in any respect acted so as to
 merit the Royal Displeasure

But your Petitioner to his great Surprise and Concern observes there is a Bill Introduced into this Honourable House Entitled "a Bill to Regulate and Restrain paper Bills of Credit in the British Colonies and Plantations in America and to prevent the same being legal Tenders in payments for money And for the better Enforcing his Majestys orders and Instructions Throughout the said Colonies and Plantations"

That the Mischeifs and Inconveniencies attending Paper Bills of Credit Intended to be redressed by this Bill have by the Prudence and Integrity of the Legislature of this province never yet extended themselves to Maryland so as to give the least occasion of offence or Complaint and therefore If it should be the opinion of this Honourable House that a General Bill to Include all the British Colonies & Plantations in America will Effectually answer the purposes of this Bill with respect to the Intended regulation of the paper Currency Your Petitioner would not be understood to give the least opposition thereto on behalfe of this province so farr as respects the regulating and restraining paper Bills of Credit.

But your Petitioner apprehends his Rights under the Charter or Grant will be greatly and prejudicially affected by the latter part of the said Bill "for the better Enforcing his Majestys Orders and Instructions throughout the said Colonies and plantations" Introduced as your Petitioner humbly Conceives, without the least Connection with the main design of the Bill, and not restrained to the Subject matter of that Bill of which the Principal object is regulating the Paper Bills of Credit

That the Royal Grant to Your Petitioners Ancestors having passed the whole Legislative powers of this province and the Government thereof in absolute propriety to your Petitioners Ancestors and their heirs The Crown have never Interfered in the Exercise thereof in prejudice to or violation of the said Royal Charter or Grant and as the Crown have never at any time Issued their orders or Instructions relating to the Government thereof so their orders and Instructions cannot have been Disobeyed in this Province and the Terms of your Petitioners grant have not as your Petitioner apprehends reserved any Power or Authority in the Crown in respect to the making or passing any Acts within your Petitioners said Province or the Assenting to or dissenting therefrom And the powers and Authoritys given by the said Charter in respect to the passing and making of Acts and Orders are so clear and Explicite that, as your Petitioner conceives, no Doubt can possibly arise concerning them. And yett such supposed Doubts on the one hand, and Disobedience to the Royal orders and Instructions on the other hand, as they make