

Petition to his Majesty, and lay the said Representation before the Lords Commissioners, and taken the Freedom to send them herewith to your Excellency, hoping you will be pleased to transmit them to his Lordship

U. H. J.
Liber No. 35
Dec. 14

To the King's most excellent Majesty.

The humble Petition of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly
of the Province of Maryland

Most gracious Sovereign

Highly sensible of your Majesty's Royal Favour, and Benificence ever extended even to the most remote of your Subjects we with all Humility lay before your Majesty the Distresses which your dutiful, and loyal Subjects of the Province of Maryland are, and must continue to be labouring under by the Restrictions laid upon the Trade, and Commerce of your Plantations, and Colonies in America by an Act of Parliament passed in the thirtieth Year of your Majesty's most happy Reign, for prohibiting the Exportation of Grain and other Provisions from your Majesty's Colonies, and Plantations in America, unless to Great Britain, or Ireland

We humbly crave Leave to express our Fears that your Majesty's Subjects of this Province must unavoidably be rendered unable to support themselves, and Families, and at the same Time pay the heavy Taxes which have been and annually must be imposed on them for his Majesty's Service, and their own Defence and Security during the Continuance of the present War unless by your Majesty's Royal Favour graciously relieved from the Disadvantages and Difficulties occasioned by those Restrictions and the great and irreparable Losses they must sustain thereby, a full and clear Representation whereof we have transmitted to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, requesting their Lordship's to lay it before your Majesty

p. 226

We most humbly beseech your Majesty to take into your Royal Consideration the distressed Circumstances of your dutiful and loyal Subjects, in your Plantations and Colonies in America under the Restrictions laid upon their Commerce by the above mentioned Act in full and humble Confidence that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to exercise the Power which the Legislature has placed in you to the Relief of the good People of this Province in such manner as may be most agreeable to your Royal Will and Pleasure

To the Right honourable the Lords Commissioners of Trade, and
the Plantations

The humble Representation of the Upper and Lower Houses of
Assembly

May it please your Lordships

We humbly beg Leave to represent to your Lordships that the Lands in many Parts of the said Province being of a Nature improper