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L. H. J. Excellency's real Inclination) by the introducing into Practice, and establishing such a Power, under the aforesaid Law (were it undoubtedly in Force, which we cannot allow) as your Excellency in the present Case has been advised to carry into Execution: We say, we cannot but depend, that your Excellency's really benevolent Disposition will so far excite your Compassion for our Fellow-Subjects, who have suffered on the late, and who may suffer on the present Occasion, and our latest Posterity who must suffer on all like Occasions, that it will induce you to take an attentive and dispassionate Review of the whole Affair; from which we must express our Confidence, that your Goodness will prompt you to give immediate Directions for preventing any further Attempts for marching the Militia from Kent County, who have so greatly suffered already; and to recal your Orders for the March of the Militia of Calvert; or any other Counties, now under Orders for that Purpose (those of Queen-Anne's County we need not mention, as their Sufferings are now past Redress) that they may all, at least while they pay so many to protect them, remain quiet at their Homes, in the Pursuit of their several Occupations and Employments, for the Support of their Families, and the Benefit of the Public.

And we must further express our Confidence, that your Excellency will not for the future, give any Orders for the March of any of the Militia of this Province, unless at a Time when the Occasions, mentioned in the aforementioned Law, do really and manifestly exist; and when they do, we are persuaded the People will readily overlook any extraordinary Exertion of Power, that such calamitous Circumstances might render absolutely necessary for their Safety.

Which was Read and Assented to, and Signed, by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

Ordered, That Alexander Williamson, Esq; and Mr. Owings, do acquaint his Excellency, That this House hath prepared an Address and Remonstrance, to be presented to him, and desires to know when and where he will receive it. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, That the Governor signified he would receive the Address and Remonstrance immediately in the Council Chamber.

Ordered, That Philip Hammond, Esq; with Twelve more, do prep. 50 sent the Address and Remonstrance to the Governor.

The House adjourns till 2 of the Clock.

Post-Meridiem. The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Mr. Reynolds appeared in the House.

Mr. Plater hath Leave of Absence.

On Motion, the Question was put, That the following Question be now put, viz. That the Bill, entituled, An Act for Reducing the Allowance of the Councillors, Deputies and Delegates, that shall