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not only because We were unwilling to subject the Country to the Burthen of an unnecessary Imposition, but because the nature and Tendency of these Bills have been such as it can hardly be imagined the Frames of them could even entertain the least hope that We should be so inattentive to our own Rights Regardless of Property, and negligent of all order, as to suffer any of them to pass into Laws

By the uniform Scheme of these Bills Your Excellency Ourselves and Every Man in the Province without distinction who has any Property in Tobacco were to be taxed, and the Money arising from the Tax was to lodged in the hands of Such Persons as the Lower House only direct, and the Agent to be employed was to be nominated also by them to Act by their Instructions only to correspond with them alone and to be removed at their Displeasure

In these Bills Aggrievances and Oppressions have been in a General manner mentioned, But they have not yet been specified much less has their Existence or Reality been proved, or any Application made to his Lordship for a Redress of them

Our Rejection of these Bills has been loudly sounded as an Aggrievance: but We cant help observing that whilst Men are possessed with such transcendent Ideas of Privilege as these very Bills testify They will have an inexhaustible Spring of Aggrievances till they are at length complimented with a Surrender of all Authority into their Hands and the Other Branches of the Legislature will be content with the Honour of becoming their Conduit Pipes for the Passage of Such Regulations into the form of Law as they shall be pleased in the Plenitude of their Power to dictate, But not to detain you longer on so disagreeable a Subject We flatter ourselves that your Excellency convinced of our unfeigned Zeal for his Majesty Service and Sollicitude to promote it upon every Occasion will do us the Honour to join this House in an Address to the purpose mentioned in your Message of the 15th Instant
To the Kings most Excellent Majesty

The humble Address of the Governor and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly of the Province of Maryland

May it please your Majesty Deeply affected with the Severe Loss we in common with our fellow Subjects have sustained by the Death of our late most Excellent King of happy Memory whose paternal Care the Inhabitants of these Colonies have experienced, so far as their particular Circumstances woud admit in the Course of his long mild just and Glorious Reign favourably Permit us, most gracious Sovereign to condole with your Majesty that Meloncholy Event, But we should not approve ourselves in any respect worthy of the Indulgent Protection of Providence did we not derive and most thankfully acknowledge the strongest Consolation from a Contemplation on the Eminent and Royal Virtues which Constitute and Embellish the Character of a Good King, and give the best Assurance of a