

until they should be relieved from the many unjust Oppressions
thereby brought upon them To which End y^r pet^r on their
Behalf humbly applied to y^r L^{ds} for a Repeal of both the
Acts, which y^r L^{ds} on taking the same into y^r most serious
consideration was pleased to comply with & did Repeal the
Acts accordingly. That the last sessions being the
first after y^r L^{ds} had repealed the 1st Act, the Legislature
of the s^d Province pass'd another Act, Entituled an Act to
Ascertain the Fees of Practitioners of the Law within this
Province, & to prevent Extortions Frauds & Abuses therein;
Which Act is the very same in Substance with the 2^d Act
passed in 1725 w^{ch} y^r L^{ds} had so lately Repealed, & is so
very injurious & oppressive on the professors of the Law, & is
calculated to put them under so many insupportable Hardships
Difficultys, y^t unless they are speedily relieved therefrom y^r
L^{ds} Repealing y^r 2^d Act they must of necessity loose y^r practice.

That y^r pet^r has rec^d. Directions from the Chief of
the Profession in the Law in Maryland for them & on their
Behalf to make the most immediate Application to y^r L^{ds}
for a Repeal of the 2^d Act, as being unjust in it self, not
agreeable to Reason, repugnant to the Laws of England &
infringing the Liberty & property of the Subject, & by all the
the very same Objections which induced your L^{ds} to
Repeal the said former Act.

Therefore & as y^r pet^r has an Attested Copy of
the 2^d Act Transmitted under the Seal of y^r L^{ds} s^d Province

Your pet^r for & on behalf of the Pract^r of the Law in
Maryland humbly prays y^r L^{ds} y^t you would be forthwith
pleas'd to repeal y^r 2^d Act, & y^t y^r L^{ds} would be pleas'd to
Enjoin y^r Gov^r of the s^d Province not to pass any Law of
the like Nature or Tendency for y^e future at least, unless
there be a Restraining Clause to prevent its taking Effect
until y^r L^{ds} pleasure be first known thereon.

And y^r pet^r shall ever pray

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Jan. the 29th 1730th his L^{ds} having heard y^e s^d pet^r & complaint
& finding y^e aforesaid Law liable to y^e same Objections as that Law pass'd
in 1725 the therefore was pleas'd to order his Dissent thereunto