

to be passed by them, though sent up to them from the Lower House of Assembly, by reason of the Lower House not passing the three pence & Hoghead for Arms and Ammunition; That so necessary a Bill for the Safety and Defence of our said Province, might go hand in hand with the other Bills, as has been and is usually practiced in the other Governments of America; and which I found by the Proceedings of the Assembly during my Minority, has been all that the Lower House of Assembly themselves have pretended to contend for, except such matters as they could not be seriously for; They being such a must produce a negative on Government.

19. NOW my Inclination and Desire is, That if you, with the advice of our said Council of State shall, on mature and serious consideration, judge for the aforesaid Acts to Expedient and absolutely necessary for the Benefit Utility and well being of our Inhabitants of our said Province of Maryland. You are hereby directed and Empowered to give your Assent thereto, though I cannot help observing on the last mentioned Act, That if it is intended as an Act of Insolvency, it ought to be under such or the like Restrictions and Penalties as are constantly inserted in Acts of the like Kind which have been Enacted and Passed by the Legislature of Great Britain; as the passing such an Act without such Restrictions and Penalties may be of destructive consequence to just and honest Creditors; and of this You will consider Yourself and take the advice of our said Council. — As to the Act for the Three pence of Hoghead for Arms and Ammunition,