

August 8th 1753. Annapolis in Maryland

May it please (Blank) sent open to Bth Baltimore

In Obedience to a Letter from the Earl of Holderness dated at Whitehall the 20th of August 1753 which I had the honour to receive, I acquainted the Assembly of this Province who were then sitting with his Majestys Pleasure therein signified, who assured me that they had that due Sense of our most gracious Sovereigns paternal Tendernefs for & Care of all His Subjects which Duty & Gratitude inspire & that they were sufficiently apprehensive of the great Danger of suffering a foreign Power to encroach upon any part of his Majestys Dominions & that they were determined to repel in the best manner they can all hostile Invasions of this Province by any foreign Power & whenever the Circumstances of our neighbouring Colonies may require or need our Assistance that they shall cheerfully contribute as far as they are able towards defending them against the Attacks of their Enemies & As the Lieut^t. Governor of Virginia has since that time made Application for our Assistance to protect & defend the Frontiers of that Government against some Regular Forces that are making Encroachments thereon I again summoned our General Assembly & have prevailed with them to grant the Sum of £6000 toward the Support of the Virginians against any Attempts of such Troops as threaten them with Hostilities or dispute his Majestys Right to his Dominions on this Continent; in this I hope I have punctually obeyed the Design of that Letter as I shall always endeavour to & take the greatest pleasure in being able to do