

Also the following Address brought from the House of Delegates by M^r Hubbard
several other members March the 25th 1698

To his Excellency the Governour and his Majesty's honourable Council

The humble Address of the House of Delegates

May it please your Excellency

We the Delegates out of our Bounden duty and sincere Affection towards your Excellency do, look upon selves to be in a strict manner to represent to your Excellency all such matters which may any wise tend to the dishonour and dissatisfaction of those his Majesty's Subjects whom your Excellency has been pleased to put in place of Power and Trust for the due Administration of Justice and likewise other Offices necessary in that his Majesty's Government committed to the Immediate Charge & Care of your Excellency and the Honour Obedience and Respect due to Authority may be Preserved and not by your Vulgar slighted we humbly beseech your Excellency will be Pleas'd to use all suitable and direct means to support encourage and maintain the same and with a kind and favourable aspect receive what we here by leave humbly to Offer to the consideration of your Excellency for redress thereof. Such are as followeth

The Justices of several Counties have been arrested and by strict and unusual means Compelled to make their Appearance at Annapolis as Guilty Offenders when in Truth their Faults if any were very small and pardonable to the suffering the Esteem due to their Offices and to their great damage and Expences and in like manner have the Vestry Men of several Parishes has been dealt withal upon very slight Occasions to their very Great Loss and hindrance furthermore we humbly make known to your Excellency of the Provincial Court sitting in View strikes an Awful fear upon Attorneys Tutors and Tutors giving their Attendance there and seems to Retrain those Liberty and freedom heretofore used to the great dissatisfaction of the Country all which we humbly submit to your Excellencies great Wisdom

Signed J^r Order W^m Bladen Clerk of the House of Delegates

In Answer thereto

By his Excellency the Governour and Council in a Assembly March
the 25th 1698

The Address of the House this day sent by M^r Hanis and others representing some Grievances & this Board require that all other matters of that nature lying before you may be sent up hither that a proper answer may in due Order be given reminding withal that no answer has yet been given to part of a message from this Board for transmitting hither the Committee of Grievances Journals neither have you sent any manner of answer to several other matters proposed

Signed J^r Order Hen. Denton Clerk

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In Answer to the Resolve of the House this day sent concerning the Militia of this Majesty's Province, This Board do Solemnly declare that if any Miffortune should happen to this his Majesty's Governour which God forbid for want of Regulating the Militia which God forbid according to Proposals herewith sent from which legislation in all the Country might be secured, are the Persons chargeable as likewise for what fines the People will lay to for not complying with the present law

His Excellency is pleased to direct his Majesty's honourable Council to Consider & draw up some heads of Proposals suitable against to morrow morning

M^r Collins Naval Officer of the Port of William Stead and Hen Denton Naval Officer of the Port of Annapolis made Oath to their Accounts in presence of the Committee