

As to the Gentlemen of his Majesty's honourable Council he does on his Majesty's behalf
renew these thanks for their Zeal to his Majesty's Service and assure them he will
Recommend the same to his Majesty

And forasmuch as he hoped all differences were Reconciled and forgot he would
not make any distinction or separation among the Gentlemen of the House of Dele-
gates for that he was willing to believe what happened was through Inadvertency
and as he had a Great Esteem for all Persons that had shown themselves truly Loyal
to his Majesty in whose Service should he would not Omit to shew by the best Services
he might do them

His Excellency told them that since his most Sacred Majesty had been Graciously
Pleased to remove him to the Government of the neighbouring Colony of Virginia
he had likewise been pleased to confer the Honour and Charge of this Government
upon Col Nathaniel Nicholson who by several Adverses he had received was a truly Loyal
reasonable and worthy Gentleman and under whose Government he hoped they
would find themselves very happy and that he suddenly expected his Arrival

There was presented to his Excellency the following Address on the Behalf
of W. Philip Clark which is as followeth Viz

To his Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq Captain General
and Governor of Maryland

Sir Although we cannot approve but did like former Addresses for the Ease
and Relief of Philip Clark yet we are moved to become Intercessors for him not
opposing his Detention but begging his speedy and merciful Release and not so much for his
own sake as for the sake of his Wife and innocent Children who bears a great Part of his
poorly deserved Sufferings

May it therefore please your Excellency to Accept of this our humble Address for
his Relief and extend his Majesty's Mercy to him in releasing him from his present
Imprisonment taking Pity of him for his good Behaviour and Obedience in such
measures as you shall think convenient for the preservation of his Majesty's Peace

We Petition your Excellency in your own nature inclined to mercy and Justice
to Pardon any fault that the Honour of the King and Peace of the Government
requires which we hope and will be secured and that we may Obtain your favour-
able Acceptance of this our humble Address

Your Excellency's very humble servants

Henry Jones Charles Matthews Thomas French John Alderson }
John Lewis Thomas Drake and James Fry } Councilors

William Barton	William Hutchison	John Lowe
Thomas Drake	Henry Matthews	John Bowman
James Matthews	John Collins	Walter Lane
Thomas Kirk	Thomas Sney	Francis Ambrose
Thomas Smith	Leah Buchanan	John Thompson
Jack Woodland	John Hammond	William England
James Fry	Richard Hill	

Robert Smith Thomas Fisher } James Rank } Justice Remond Court