

The Humble address of the House of Delegates,
May it please your Excellency.

We the Delegates out of our bounden duty and
Sincere affections towards your Ex^{ty}. do look upon ourselves to be in a
strict manner obliged to represent to your Ex^{ty} all such Matters as may
any way tend to the dishonour and dissatisfaction of those his Maty's Subjects
whom your Ex^{ty} has been pleased to put in places of power and trust
for the due administration of Justice, and likewise other Offices, &
necessary and usefull in his Maty's Government, Committed to the Immediate Care
and Charge of your Ex^{ty}. and that the Honour, Obedience and Respect due
to Authority may be preserved and not by the vulgar slighted and contemned.
We humbly beseech your Ex^{ty}. will be pleased to use all suitable and
direct means to support Encourage and Maintain the same and
with a kind and favourable aspect receive what we have begg'd
leave to offer to the Consideration of your Ex^{ty}. for redress thereof which
are as followeth

The Justices of the severall County Courts have been auctored
and by strict and usual means Compelled to make their appearance
at Annapolis. as grievous offenders when in truth their faults
if any were very small, and pardonable to the lessning the esteem
due to these Offices, and to their great damage and Expences, and
in like manner have the Vestrymen of severall parishes been dealt
with all upon very slight occasions to their great loss and hindrance.

Further more we humbly make known to your Ex^{ty}. that your
Ex^{ty}. sitting in view of the Provincial Court strikes an awfull fear
upon Attorneys, Jurors, and Sutors, giving them attendance there, and
seems to restrain that liberty and freedom heretofore used to the great
dissatisfaction of the Country.

All which we humbly submitted to your Ex^{ty}. great wisdom.

Signed for order.

W. Bladen Clk. House De. P.

By the House of Delegates March 25th 1698.

This House having again maturely debated what his Ex^{ty} was
pleased yesterday to offer in relation to the Law proposed for new
Modifying the Militia do finde no reason to recede from their former
vote thereon. and resolve not to make any such Law.

Signed for order

W. Bladen Clk. House De. P.

This Messagg and the above address sent to his Excellency and
his Maty's Honourable Councill, by Mr. Harris, Mr. Hawkins, Mr.
Gutha Hall, Mr. Benj. Hall, Mr. Ferry, Mr. Leach and Mr. Lane.

Mr. Charles Candell Clk. of his Land's Land office, and Mr. Charles