

Intended by the S<sup>d</sup> Act and therefore ought not to pay that Duty.  
 Your Pet<sup>r</sup> therefore humbly prays this Gent<sup>l</sup> Assemblys Judgment whether  
 Ten p<sup>ct</sup> is Included or Intended to be Included in the said Act for servants  
 only travelling through this Province as afo<sup>r</sup> and if it is not to be paid the  
 officer may be Ordered to reimburse the same to your Petitioner.

And as in duty bound he shall ever pray &c.  
 It is the opinion of this house that the said Pet<sup>r</sup> are not within the tenor  
 or p<sup>r</sup>ovise of that Act of Assembly if his Ex<sup>ty</sup> and Council shall Concur thereto.  
 C. Gregory Clk<sup>r</sup> House of Delegates.

This board Concurr with the opinion of the house though they think  
 the officer did anything but his duty therein.  
 W. Bladen Clk<sup>r</sup> of Council.

The address to his Ex<sup>ty</sup> and Council for redress of grievances,  
 was read -  
 To his Ex<sup>ty</sup> Francis Nicholson Esq. Capt. Gen<sup>l</sup> and Gov<sup>r</sup> in  
 Chief in and over his Mat<sup>ty</sup> Province and Territory of Maryland  
 and the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council.

The humble address of the house of Delegates.  
 (May it please your Ex<sup>ty</sup>.)

Whereas his Mat<sup>ty</sup> out of his princely Care to know how  
 his Subjects in these remote parts are Governed has Comanded that  
 as well a Journall of the house of Delegates as of his Council be sent  
 to the Lords of the Council for trade and plantacons.

1. That your Ex<sup>ty</sup> would grant that this house may Cause a Copy to  
 be Transcribed during the Sessions and Sealed and Sent by the house  
 to prevent all Jealousies and Suspensions of having our Letters, addresses  
 and publick acc<sup>t</sup> Changed or altered through the Mistake or deficiency  
 of Clarks in transcribing or otherwise.
2. That whereas your Ex<sup>ty</sup> hath been often pleased to promise to  
 maintain our just and Lawfull rights and priviledges.

We therefore humbly implore your Ex<sup>ty</sup> that (neither Implicitly  
 or Expressly to Menace, dete<sup>r</sup>, or Over awe the house or any Member  
 thereof from freely debating Matters in this house and humbly  
 desire your Ex<sup>ty</sup> to apprehend and thinke we are his Mat<sup>ty</sup> dutifull  
 and Loyall Subjects.

3. That no Member of the house be declared Malignant, or Comanded  
 before the Council (nor any other wayes disturbed or summoned by his  
 Mat<sup>ty</sup> writt of venue for their free speaking in the house as long as  
 they keep themselves within their duty to his Mat<sup>ty</sup>. Nor that your Ex<sup>ty</sup>  
 would trouble any Member for any sly secret or commonly false report  
 of any thing done in the house but only take notice of what is reported  
 from the house and noe further.