

all following Whigs which advise you to shew such a pernicious
 Notion And your Gentlemen here Assembled are wiser than the
 vast Crowd of her other great Dominions who with open Loyall Hearts
 run to serve her sacred Majesty who soon surrounded the late
 Assembly thro' out the Bill for punishing those that should raise
 and disperse false news in this Critical time of War and Danger
 I am Comanded to offer it anew to you Gentlemen the present
 Delegates Nor can I believe any reasonable well meaning Man
 to the Government will ever be against it
 Gentlemen

There is an Arrear due to the poor Men employed
 to seize your Magazine and Armes during our late Disturbances
 for as it was my very great Concern to preserve the Peace of the
 Country I am sure its your part to see those paid and rewarded who
 were so ready and vigilant to serve the publick and now Gentlemen
 give me leave to tell you its high time for you that represent
 the whole Province to look into the many Inequalities of this poor
 deluded Country, where Drunkenss Adultery Sabbath Breaking
 and perjury are a fast horrid Murders Shifted, and the Malfeasors
 glory in it, Treason made a gift and the Abettors Carried
 Magistrates grow Carless and the Offenders impudent some being
 made believe by many Seducers a short Confession here can
 absolve them from any future Account like these things are in
 some measure Amended by your prudence and Examples I have
 but slender hopes your Debates can be successful, but as we are
 all willing to be called Christians and good Subjects, let us in our
 severall Stations Act like Men of that Nobles Excellent Character
 and let that Magistrate be stigmatized with infamy who ever
 comes at, or countenances any sort of Quarrel, Atheism
 Disloyalty and whenever you will heartily and sincerely
 to bring this great work about I should by the blessing of yo.
 Gentlemen, never doubt of seeing the Country flourish and
 improved — For then Gentlemen the Nation round about
 would never mock at our Religion as they do now and the rest
 world will see & know and be convinced by your glory the
 people of Maryland truly serve God and with a dutfull
 Honour our Lawfull and Rightfull Sovereign the King

Coll Thomas Smith Son A Member of the
 County being sent his L^{ty} of Exc.