

To the Honble Edward Lloyd Esq. President of her Majesty's Honble  
 Council of Maryland and Commander in Chief thereof.

We her Majesty's most dutifull and Loyall Subjects the Deputy and Delegates  
 of the said Province now in a Assembly convened in most dutifull and  
 humble manner crave leave to returne your Hono. our most dutifull  
 and hearty thanks for convening us at this time when the Country is  
 Represented needs for much succour and rediefe the deplorable and  
 sad condition thereof in some measure we greatly hope will be relieved  
 by the delightfull prospect of the glorious and happy peace we expect  
 will follow the suspension of Armes agreed upon between her Majesty  
 and the most Christian King, Her Majesty's Royall Proclamation for  
 declaring the same we happily arriving before this time of our meet-  
 ing, and your Hono. prudent care in soe kindly communicating it to  
 this House.

As it always was soe we hope it always will be the care and  
 concerne of this House, to have it in their power to dispatch in a conven-  
 ient time the necessary business that lies before them and that with  
 as little charge as the necessities of this Province will bear  
 pursuing your Hono. this House have under their Consideration the method  
 for raising such necessary supplies as shall be needfull to defray the publick  
 charge of this Province, for this present year, wherein we gratefully  
 acknowledge your Hono. care and endeavours to make it as light and  
 easy to its miserable inhabitants as you could — but the opportunity  
 of returning in a few days to our respective habitations will never  
 induce us willingly to leave the Country we represent in the same condi-  
 tion it was when we were elected.

Your Hono. cannot be more sensible of the notion some have  
 that you may assent to any Law that may be proposed then this  
 House are of your tender care and concerne to serve her Majesty and doe  
 all the good Offices you can to the people, you have the Hono. to Govern  
 under her and by her particular favour of soe long duration which  
 we pray may may still continue, and as we the Representatives  
 of the Province have no designs of offering any thing of great moment  
 to your Hono. but what is absolutely and indispensably necessary for  
 the welfare peace and tranquillity of the Province soe we cannot har-  
 bour the least thought of your Honours not concurring with us therein  
 assuring your Honour that our designe or intention is not to propose or  
 expect your Honour to assent to any thing which we conceive will be  
 contrary to the instructions given you by her Majesty, to whose most  
 Princely care and tenderly affection, we intirely recommend the cause