

May it please your Excellency, We her Majesty's dutiful & loyal Subjects the Representatives of the several Counties of her Majesty's Province of Maryland now convened in a general Assembly do give your Excellency our hearty Thanks for your gracious Speech made to us at the opening of this Session: And do assure your Excellency, that we are now, and shall be at all times ready to the utmost of our Abilities to join with your Excellency, the Honorable Council in whatsoever shall be reasonably proposed to prevent Rebellions & Disturbances and to settle & establish Peace & Tranquility which so much concerns her Majesty's Honour & our own Good & Welfare: And in Order thereunto we are resolved to enquire into the Particulars of the Magazine how much Powder and other Materials has been provided for the publick Use & to whom it has been delivered & how & what is become of it.

We have already had abundant Assurance of your Excellency's great Justice & Candour towards us, but we beg Leave to tell you that you've created in us new Motives to thank you for the Promise you've made to us. What is separated for the publick Use shall not be disposed of to any other Use whatsoever: And we do heartily assure your Excellency that there shall not be wanting any Thing ^{wanting} in us that may promote her Majesty's Honour, the publick Peace & Tranquility of this her Majesty's Province & the Extermination of all Vice & Immorality whatsoever.

Signed by Order

W. Laylard Esq. Sec. Doct.

Which being read is ordered to be sent up to his Excellency & Council by Mr. Geo. Muschamp, Mr. James May, Mr. John Cortes, Mr. Thomas Brisby, Mr. John Maudaster, Col. William Parus, Mr. John Jones, Mr. William Aisquith, Mr. Thomas Beale, Mr. Francis Dallahyde, Mr. John Leach, & Mr. Peter Walls.

They return & say they delivered the same.

Ordered the following Message be read

(By the House of Delegates May the 10th 1705

We her Majesty's dutiful & loyal Subjects the Representatives of the several Counties within this her Majesty's Province of Maryland do give your Excellency our hearty Thanks for the great Care that you have taken relating to the Indians and other Matters which has so much disturbed our Peace & Repose: And we do assure your Excellency that your prudent Conduct therein has given us an entire Satisfaction of your Goodness & Generosity towards us which we hope you will upon all Occasions be pleased to repeat.

Signed by Order

W. Laylard Esq. Sec. Doct.

Which being read is approved of by the House and ordered that the above Gentlemen (Col. Parus excepted) carry the same up to his Excellency in Council.

They return & say they delivered their Message

The Honorable Thomas Smith, Thomas Drooke, John Hammond, Edward Key, & James Saunders, and Thomas Emmet Esq^r from the Council enter the House and deliver Mr.

Speech the following Message which being read is ordered to be entered as follows viz

- May the 10th 1705