

Matter of those said Address a Letter be writ by Mr Speaker to the Agent
to Desire him to Communicate to his Excy. such papers as he hath had trans-
mitted to him in relation to that matter and to Desire him to assist his Excellency
therin w^{ch} is humbly Submitted to the house —

Signed by order Phil Hammond Esq
To His Excellency John Hart Esq Govern^r of Maryland —
The Humble Address of the upper and Lower Houses of Assembly —

May it Please your Excellency —
The Great Regard your Excy has Express^d for the welfare of our Country
in the Communicating to us the Copy of the Letter from the Honble the Com^{rs}
of Trade to the right Honble the Lord Guilford as well as by the whole
Course of your Administration Emboldens us to make this our Honble
Address to your Excy for your assistance in the Subject matter therewith
of w^{ch} it appears plainly to us that thow we have had the most necessary
Cause of Complaining of the rigorous and unjustifiable proceedings
of Maurice Dorchford Esq his Substitute herein his Majesty's Name
and by Colour of his Authority to the prejudice of his Subjects yet
for want of a ~~clear~~ Representation of our Case Injurious Oppressors seem
Justified by the Opinion of the Honble the Com^{rs} of the Customs and the
Innocent Sufferers loaded wth the Imputation of making groundless Complaints
and being clamorous —

We have Reason to be Discouraged in all our
future Applications if what we make on this Occasion wth your Excy's kind
Assistance - (w^{ch} we earnestly implore) should not fail us - We must then
look on our selves under an unhappy Necessity of Submitting to the Dilator
of any of his Majesty's Officers at home however they be Misinformed or Deceived
Concerning us or the States of our Cases — But we hope for better things
and that if your Excy will please to permit us to refer to our former
Representation on this head and also to the papers relating thereto in our
Agent Col^l Blackstones hands whose assistance in this Case we Doubt not
of and also to the Abstracts from the Chancery Dockets under the hand of
the proper Officer and the great Seal of this Province you will have it in
your power Sufficiently to Evince the Justice of our Case to the Satisfaction
of all that question our Candour in that Representation —

By the Experience of our good Inclinations towards
us in other Affairs we Doubt not but in this you will add to the many
Obligations by w^{ch} we are bound ever to pray for your prosperity —
Thereupon the question was put whether the house will
(Concurr)