

that I be wanting in us that we can think Necessary to preserve our Rights, concerning which (we are sorry to find it so) we have reason to be jealous.

We cannot omit observing to your Lordship, that whilst your Lordship is contending with your Tenants for the rendering your Government more absolute over them, you are pleased to suffer their private Inheritances which they purchased from and hold under your Lordship, together with your own Property, to be encroach'd upon and taken from us by our Neighbours, on *Delaware*, without any Defence made for us by your Lordship, that we can hear of: And as your Lordship's Boundaries are the Rule to us, we cannot act in our own Defence therein, nor be defended but in your Lordship's Name and Right; and while we thus suffer in our Property under your Lordship, our ancient Constitution, and the Laws and Administration of Justice, are endeavoured to be altered by your Lordship: And these we hope your Lordship will allow may give us sufficient Cause to speak and act the Part of Subjects to the *British* Crown insisting on their *British* Laws and Liberties. No People can be more sincerely attach'd to the true and real Interest of their chief Lord Proprietary, from whom they hold their Lands, nor of the Hereditary Governour in chief that presides over them, than we are. And as we give your Lordship an evincing Instance of our Aversion to mischievous Compliment or Flattery, by that honest Plainness with which we now address you, we hope your Lordship will confide in our Sincerity, when we assure you (as we now sincerely do,) that we shall be ready to use our utmost Endeavours to support both your Lordship's just Prerogatives and Property by all proper Measures in our Power, when we shall find it agreeable to your Lordship's Pleasure that we should act therein. And this, we hope, your Lordship will accept as an Evidence of our Affection and Duty, in Opposition to such busy Whisperers as we are satisfy'd endeavour to render their Misrepresentations effectual to the creating Doubts and Misunderstandings betwixt your Lordship and your Tenants: Nothing less than a firm Resolution in us of asserting the Truth with Freedom, can be likely to prevail against the Disturbers of our mutual Peace. May your Lordship's Prudence contribute to render these our Endeavours effectual to the Maintainance of the real Honour and true Interest of your Lordship, and to the common Good and Tranquility of-----

May it please your Lordship,

Your Lordship's Humble, Obedient and

most truly affectionate TENANTS.

Mr.