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To His Excellency Sir Robert Sutton
Baronet
Mayor of London
The Honourable Secretary of the House of Commons

These Representatives of the free City of London
our assigned thanks for your kind Speech at the opening of this Session

We are truly sorry that your want of health should oblige you to leave this
Province and do very sincerely hope for a full recovery and long continuance of it, as
being in Justice & gratitude obliged to wish all felicity to have the greatest assistance
of a Governour who has by his Obedient & Discreet Administration the Success of his professe
as you have all way done, and who in so obliging a Manner has you have been
pleas'd to express your self in, has given us fresh Assurance of having the welfare
of our County very much at heart.

We concur in Opinion with your Excellency that the true as well as profit of
Laws principally depends on the Carefull framing of them; And we are determin'd to
use our utmost Endeavours, to render such Laws as shall be past as plain and
intelligible as may be; to the End, that those who are to Govern themselves by them
may know how to observe themselves and be without Excuse should they Transgress.

We also take into Consideration the Laws particularly recommended to us by your
Excellency and Endeavour so to Explain them, as to remove the Doubts & Objections
to which they may now be liable.

We are obliged to your Excellency for recommending in so handsome a Manner as
you have, Calmness & Moderation, which are so very necessary to bring our Contentions to
an happy Issue & Crown our Endeavours to serve our Country with Success, And we hope
to prove by our Conduct that your Excellency's Recommendation had the weight with
us that it Deserves, and that we are not Actuated by any selfish or private views.

We Acknowledge with the deepest Sense of Gratitude, the kind & generous Offers
you have been pleas'd to give us, that your Excellency best Endeavour what is becoming
in England, upon any Occasion, wherein you may be serviceable to the people of Maryland,
as you have assisted several Years since us, in your benevolent & generous
of our Country and how much it stands in need of all the Assistance and Friendship that we
can hope for; And do trust that your Excellency will continue by your Endeavour to
assist us in our Affairs, and that we may be oblig'd to you as we are
We are oblig'd by your Instructions to give you a full Answer in our