

With that demand, by ~~deferring~~ their approach, nor till your Majesty's Pleasure should be signified thereon, nor shall  
 any remembrance from this Government of the Probability of the Officers being, and thereby that means  
 your Majesty's Justice prevail with that Government to allow their resolution -  
 We further humbly presume to say before your Majesty our Unhappiness, that this Government is not  
 able to procure from the Government of Pennsylvania the return of those unfortunate Sufferers  
 who are still confined in Pennsylvania Gaol: this desire was refused in pretence that Thomas (perhaps  
 the owner of the House) had been guilty of a former murder and that the others were present  
 at the aforementioned Confession, when one of your Majesty's Subjects was killed that a warrant  
 of a former murder against the said (perhaps) with (see Humble Copy) appearing extraordinary  
 when we presume to say, that a man was killed by him in defence of his own House when the  
 very same House was in the night time attacked and taken into some years ago by another  
 Member of Pennsylvania, and the owner then threatened with the loss of his life which he had  
 no means or possibility of preventing but by defending himself the best way he could, and who  
 therefore in defence of his House fired again, and that the deceased in the night of  
 which would be dyed; for that fact the owner of the House was brought to his trial in this  
 Province and the late Governor of Pennsylvania was so sensible of the truth of the Case  
 that he often declared the owner of the House ought not to be accounted for that man's Death  
 and those concerned in the Government of Pennsylvania are so well satisfied of the said (perhaps  
 and his fellow Prisoners Innocence that during eight months Imprisonment there has been no  
 Prosecution against them nor any legal Opportunity given them to show their Innocence  
 and only groundless Standards raised against the poor unhappy man and his fellow Sufferers  
 to furnish a pretence to deprive them of their Liberty and to violate the sacred Constitution  
 of the rights of a British Subject - - - The being the Unhappily Situation of  
 many of your Majesty's Subjects who have been ruined and Deprived of their Liberty  
 and of others who are in Danger of the like rigorous Treatment from neighbouring  
 Government and People who under the <sup>vicious</sup> pretence of heathen Principles of Religion  
 have used the most subtle ways to encroach into the Limits of this Province and have  
 not scrupled to excite bold and desperate men to commit the most deliberate and guilty  
 upon several of your Majesty's Subjects and to continue to rob and ravage their  
 their Instruments at the same time that they have pretended they would not encourage  
 the Violence committed on the Authors of them; and your Majesty's Subjects who have  
 the Honour of having any Share in the Administration of the Government of  
 Maryland conceiving it to be their undoubted duty to use all possible Endeavours  
 to preserve the Lives and Secure the Peace of all your Majesty's Subjects and even to  
 avoid repelling Force with Force, but in the most Humble manner to have recourse  
 to your most Sacred Majesty and to implore your Protection and Defence most  
 humbly beseech your Majesty to take the Sufferings of your Majesty's Subjects who  
 are and long have been Deprived of their Liberty in the manner already mentioned  
 and such others of the Inhabitants of this Province as are in Danger of the like  
 rigorous usage into your Royal Consideration and to contribute to Grant them such  
 Relief as to your Majesty in your Royal Wisdom shall seem most

Your Majesty's most Gracious Condescension in hearkening to these our Complaints  
 and the more (if possible) to enforce our Inalienable Duty in praying for the Prosperity  
 of length and Happiness to your Majesty's Person and an ever Continuation of it here  
 in a Succession of the illustrious House of Hannover whose Good is placed only  
 in that of Mankind and more especially of its Subjects amongst the most afflicted  
 Obedient and firm We humbly presume to declare ourselves

Sam Ogle  
 Signed by order of the Upper House  
 Richd Fitzharris President  
 Signed by order of the Lower House  
 James Harris Speaker