

*gratulations on the glorious Success of your Arms in the West-Indies, in an unavoidable War your Majesty has been obliged to undertake in Vindication of the Honour and Dignity of your Imperial Crown, and the Rights of your injured People.*

*On the first Notice of your Majesty's Intentions of Raising Troops in America, we were with the earliest who cheerfully and unanimously Granted a Bounty for encouraging Levies, and raising Five Hundred Men; which, considering our Scarcity of People, was the utmost Number could reasonably be presumed this Province could raise and supply. And since your Royal Instruction has been laid before us, we have, with no less Cheerfulness, provided for their Support and Transportation to the Place of Rendezvous: Which we pray may be graciously accepted by your Majesty, as a Testimony of our steady Loyalty and firm Attachment to your most sacred Person and Government.*

*Although our Situation be remote, and that we live under a Proprietary Government, yet we hope we are not beyond the extensive Influence of your Majesty's just and mild Administration, and think it our greatest Happiness, that we can have Recourse to your Royal Person for Protection, whenever we may be put to the Necessity of imploring it.*

*That indulgent Heaven may shower down it's richest Blessings on your most sacred Majesty, inspire your Councils, prosper your Arms, defeat your Enemies, and that there never may be wanting a Successor of your Royal Line to Reign over us, are the sincere and earnest wishes of your Majesty's faithful Subjects, the Delegates of Maryland.*

July 19. 1740. Signed by Order and on Behalf of the House of Delegates, per

P. HAMMOND, Speaker.

And that the said *Paris*, in the same Letter, had acquainted him likewise, that as it had been talked of at Court, that there were but Two Hundred Men or thereabouts sent out of this Province to the *West-Indies* for his Majesty's Service, he had shewn how this House acted in Raising Money for Bounties, Maintenance and Transportation of Five Hundred Men, as appeared by the Acts of Assembly in his Hands, and that if the whole Number was not Raised and Transported, it was not due to any Fault in this House, and hoped that his Conduct therein would be acceptable to the House.

The House therefore taking the same into Consideration, Approve of the Conduct of the said *Ferdinando John Paris*. Esq; in Presenting the said Address, and likewise in representing their Zeal for his Majesty's Service and ready Compliance with his Intentions and Royal Instructions, by Pro-