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Evil on the Freemen in another kind, I thought it likewise as Necessary to Lessen Considerably the Charges and Expences of Assemblies for the future, by sending for two Delegates only out of Each County; This being Pursuant to the late Establishment for the way and Manner of holding Assemblys whensoever the last should be Dissolved

As in this I have proceeded according to the Undoubted Rights, Priviledges, and Powers, of my Charter, and therein have Observed and followed the same way and Method of holding Assemblies, as in all other his Majesties Dominions, so I very Confidently Assure myself that I shall not be thought by any Member here present to have other Designe in this than the Publick Good and Welfare of the Freemen of Maryland, whose Ease and Benefit I am to seek and endeavour all I can—

I having therefore Gentlemen given you this Assurance; I must now let You understand the Causes of this Days Meeting, which in Short is this—

p. 436 It was thought necessary by the Assembly in May last to send some Agents to New York Government there to Settle and Confirm a former Peace Made with the Sinniquo Indians; and accordingly Coll: Henry Coursey one of the Council, and Coll: Philemon LLoyd Speaker to that Assembly were the Persons Nominated and Appointed by me for that Important Affair, and by the Advice of my Council were Provided and Armed with Directions and Powers Sufficient for the said Purpose; These Gentlemen by their prudent Management of the Business of that Negotiation, had that unexpected Good Success therein that I cannot forbear Assuring You that I have had it Certified by Letters from Persons of the Greatest Note in that Government that they never knew their Neighbouring Indians yeild to such Terms and Conditions, as by the Articles you'l See these Agents brought them at Last to, which yet might have been more for the Interest of this Government—could these Gentlemen have used those Rules and Methods they Designed; but that would in no wise be allowed them; So that in my Opinion twas altogether impossible for Our Agents (the Circumstances they were in being rightly Considered) to have Acted more for the Peace Security and Honour of their Country then they did, I will let you have the Perusall of the late Articles by which you will be fully Satisfied of the great Services of these Gentlemen, and you will also see that Some Discoveries have been made of the Evil Practices of Jacob Young that long Disturber of Our Peace and Quiet: I caused him to be Apprehended and Secured in Irons, and do Resolve he shall receive his Tryall this Assembly that so you may all see the Villany of that