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present circumstances for redress, and to demonstrate our dutifull acknowledgement and loyalty. I have herewith presumed (fearing the failure of what has been sent formerly) to enclose a Copy of our Declaration, and of the Address from the Representative Body of this Province in the Assembly likewise of the late King Jame's Letter to the late Governing power here, being a duplicate of one sent by the aforesaid Ellis. Humbly certifie that their Majesties Protestant Subjects here have from each County prepared their most dutiful Addresses for their Majesties of which six are come to my hands, and goe by the said Gillam, the rest shall follow by the first opportunity his haste not permitting time to stay for three, which is likewise the reason these sent are not so full of Subscriptions as they would be otherwise. Your Lordships are likewise humbly desired to present the same to their Maj^{ties} as the best acknowledgements their most dutifull Subjects cann Express of their Faith and Loyalty. In relation to his Maj^{ties} Affairs in these Northern parts of America, wee have this advice from the Governor of the Fort at New York, that the French have made attempt upon New England, but are repelled to their great damage, that they are all upon their guard against any attempts from Canada, as likewise wee are at this present in this Province daily expecting the inroads of the French and their Indians, but blessed be God wee are in a good posture of defence against them and the Papists here, the chiefest of which are fled and sheltered in Virginia, have addressed the Government there to secure them, especially from flying furthur, fearing their complication with our Northern Enemies may prove fatal to his Majesties Interests here; the dispondency of the Virginia Government has disabled us to give a more particular account hereof. Wee all humbly-begg your Lordship would be pleased to intercede for us to his Majestie for a settlement amongst us under a protestant Government and appoint a hearing of our complaints and grievances which wee doubt not will incline his gracious consideration of us in order to our future happiness & security. Wee are in some sort covered from danger from the generous attempts of his Majesties Subjects of New England and New York, but are still altogether unsafe, till his Majesties pleasure relating to us be known whose service is the happiness as well as duty of

Your Lordships most
faithful humble servant.

Maryland

J^{no} Coode.

17th Dec^{er} 1689.

From Coll. Coode to the Councill.

Recd. from My L^d Shrewsbury,

7 Feb^{ry} 89

per Cap^t Gillam.