

His Ex<sup>cy</sup> told them that since his most sacred Ma<sup>ty</sup> had <sup>Original</sup> been graciously pleased to remoue him to the Governm<sup>t</sup> of <sup>Journal.</sup> the neighbouring Colony of Virginia he had likewise been pleased to conferr the hono<sup>r</sup> and Charge of this Governm<sup>t</sup> upon Colonel Nathan<sup>l</sup> Blackiston who by Sev<sup>r</sup>all advices he had received was a truly Loyall hon<sup>ble</sup> and worthy Gent<sup>n</sup> and under whose Governm<sup>t</sup> he hoped they would find themselves verry happy & that he suddainly expected his Arivall.

Then was presented to his Ex<sup>cy</sup> the following Address one the behalf of M<sup>r</sup> Philip Clarke which is as followeth viz<sup>t</sup>

To his Ex<sup>cy</sup> Francis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> and Gov<sup>r</sup> of Maryland

S<sup>r</sup> Although We cannot approve but dislike former Addresses for the Ease and release of Philip Clark yet we are moved to become Intercessors for him not approving his Actions but pittying his folly and misfortunes and not so much for his owne as for the sake of his Wife and innocent Children who bear a part of his (Justly deserued) sufferings.

May it therefore please your Excellency to Except of this our humble Address on his behalfe and Extend his Ma<sup>tys</sup> Mercy to him in releasing him from his p<sup>r</sup>sent Imprisonment taking bond of him for his good behaviour and Abearance in such measure as you shall think Convenient for the preservation of his Ma<sup>tys</sup> peace &

We believe your Ex<sup>cy</sup> in your own nature inclined to mercy and averse to Rigour any further then the Hono<sup>r</sup> of the King and peace of the province requires which we hope is and will be secured and that we may obtaine your favourable Acceptance of this we humbly subscribe

Your Ex<sup>cys</sup> very humble servants

Henry Jowles	}	John Addison	}	& James frisby	}
Charles Hutchins		John Courts		Councill <sup>rs</sup>	
Thomas Tench		Thomas Brook			

W <sup>m</sup> Barton	}	Thomas Staley	}	Burgesses.
Will Hutchison		ffra: Jenkins		
John Lowe		Thomas Ennals		
Thomas Beale		Jacob Lockerman		
Henry Hawkins		John Thompson		
John Bozman		Jacob Moreland		
James Smallwood		John Hammond		
Sam <sup>l</sup> Collins		W <sup>m</sup> Taylord		
Walter Lane		Sam <sup>l</sup> Young		
Thomas Hicks		Richard Hill		