

L. H. J. Governm^t to be Governour of our neighbouring Collony of Virg^a

And that he has been pleased to Conferr the honour of this Governm^t unto Coll^o Blackstone who by the advice he has Rec^d from England beares the character of a Truly Noble and Worthy Gent. and that he expects him to arrive here very suddenly, and that he doubts not but that they may will Live very happily vnder his Government.

p. 281 His Excellency likewise pleased to tell them, that it had been the misfortune of one of their members to fall vnder the Justice of the Law by means whereof he was obliged to Deteyne him from them being the Kings Prisoner and in the Kings Prison and on the behalfe of whom he had Received an address from the Gent. of his Maty^s Councill and some of the members of the house of Delegates wch he ordered to be read, and it was read accordingly in these words.

To His Excellency Fran. Nicholson Esq^r Cap^t Gen^l and Governour of Maryland &c.

All though we Cannot approve but Dislike former addresses for the Ease and Release of Philip Clarke yett we are moved to become Intercessors for him not approveing his Actions but pittying his folly and Misfortune, and not so much for his owne as for the sake of his wife and Innocent Children who beares apart of his (Iustly deserved) Suffrings.

May it therefore please your Excellency to Accept of this our humble address on his behalfe and Extend his Maj^{ties} Mercy to him in Releasing him from his p^{sent} Imprisonment taking Bond of him for his good behaviour and abearance in such measure as you shall think Convenient for the p^rserva^{tion} of his Ma^{ty}s Peace &c.

We believe yo^r Excellency in yo^r owne nature Inclined to Mercy and not to Rigour any further then the Honour of the King and peace of the p^rvince Requires which we hope is and will be secured and that we may obtaine yo^r favorable acceptance of this We humbly Subscribe.

Your Excell^{cys} Very humble Servants.

Harr Iowles	}	John Courts	}	Councill.
Charl Hutchins		Tho ^s Brooke		
Thomas Tench		and James Frisby		
In ^o Addison				