

Lib. H. D. To his Ex^{cy} Francis Nicholson Esq^r Cap^t gen^{ll} and Comand
in Chiefe in and over the Province of Maryland &c.

We whose Names are Subscribed being p^rsent on Saturday
last being the 3^d Instant in the Provinciaall Court att which
time Your Ex^{cy} was pleased with his Matys hon^{ble} Council to
Come and declare to the Court and Country then p^rsent the
Severall Devices and wicked Machinations that of late had
most maliciously and falsly been Invented Studied and Spread
abroad to the Defameing and Scandall trouble and disquiett
of this Happy Governm^t &c. And the Hono^r and Verassity
of the Governmen^t as well by what you were then pleased to
produce and make publick as by Severall other pregnant
reasons and proofs being so fully and Clearly Vindicated and
the Malitious designes af^d so palpably detected And theire
Contrivances (we hope) Allmost brought to nought and Sup-
prest. We Conceive ourselves obliged in gratitude and good
Mañers to yo^r Ex^{cy} and in love and good will to our Countrey
humbly to rep^rsent the Same to your Ex^{cy} and to pray,

1st That you will Continue this your Goodness and Care of
us. 2^{dly} That you will by Some Proclamaçõn or other publick
Instrum^{ts} (as yo^r wisdom shall Advise) make the Same known
through the whole Province not onely to quiett the minds of
those that may have any distrust or doubt but to warne and
Caution all others to Avoyd such wicked designes & Contri-
vances or the least to Engage or be Seduced by them that
thereby they may Avoyd those Iust punishm^{ts} that Some are
deservedly fallen into for the Same In this we Speake our own
hearts and minds and we verily believe of all those that heard
the Same and humbly subscribe our names.

Sep^t 5th 1698

Robert Smith, John Hammond, Richard Hill, Thomas Tas-
ker, John Pollard, Thomas Staly James Keech, John Thompson
Hawkins Justices.

W^m Turlo, And^r Parker Richard Jones Thomas Coursey,
Sam^l Howard, A Miller, Gab^{ll} Parrott, William Round, Gilbert
Clark, Edw^d Green, Iohn Hurst, Lanc: Todd, John Duvall,
Hugh Riley, Cornelius Howard, Charles Hammõnd, John Wil-
lowby, Philip Lynes Elias King, Sam^{ll} Holdsworth, John
Holdsworth, Thomas Jones and George Layfield . . .
Grand & Pet. Iuro^{rs}

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liam Bladen, Sam^{ll} Watkins