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The Councill Sate Present as Yesterday.

The Petition of John Ryan of Dorchester County complaining ag^t Col Henry Mitchell and his Overseer for taking up his Sloop Pillaging and deteining his Goods & Provisions without which he is not able to sustein his Wife and Ten Children. His Excellency is pleased to recomend the same to the Worshipfull his Ma^{ty}s Justices of Calvert County to inquire thereinto and do the Petitioner Speedy Justice

Came from the house Col^d Edw^d Lloyd and Eleaven other Members who bring the following Answer to what his Excellency was pleased to say to them Yesterday which is as followeth viz^t

May it Please Your Excellency.

The Easiness which his Ma^{ty}s Subjects in this Province were imediately sencible of att the first Commencem^t of Your Government & the Exact Constancy of it in its Progress Assures us that it is the innate & genuine disposition of your Excellency to facilitate the People under your Conduct, and as we have found yo^r Ex^{cy} allways and att all times Just & Prudent in Publick affairs and Sincere and Candid in Personal, so shall you find a cheerfull Obedience & ingenuous dealing from us and a perfect desire to avoid the least flaw of Contention, and inviolably to maintaine that perfect Harmony and Correspondency which hitherto we have kept and have the same thoughts with your Excellency & Councill that the usuall method of Messages and Conferences conduces much thereto.

Neither the dissolution of the last Assembly nor any other Act of your Excellency hath been displeasing to us, and although att this present Meeting You may see some new Faces yet shall you find in the whole the old disposition to his Ma^{ty}s Service and the good of this Province which we hope will never look differing ways.

What of late may have prevented Ships and Consequently kept us in the dark as to the State of our Laws we know not, but since we enjoy the present Comfort of them and are Assured they are in the hands of so good a Prince and Patron, we will Sitt down in hopes of an Answer to our Satisfaction, being now ready to receive what Proposall shall be sent to us from Your Excel^{cy} & his Ma^{ty}s hon^{ble} Councill.

May the 9th 1701 Signed p Order of the House of Del
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