

M^r Richard Johns and M^r Sam^l Chew on behalf of the people in this province called Quakers presented to his Excellency the following Address. Lib. C. B.

To Coll John Seymour Governour of the Province of Maryland.

The humble Address of the peaceable people called Quakers Given forth at their monthly meeting at West River in the said province the Eleaventh day of the fifth month 1707.

In Submissive manner Sheweth that they having seen a Written paper which began after the following manner (Viz) Friend Seymour &^{ca} and by an ill Imitation of the words the or thou or would seem to faine the person or Stile of a Quaker which said paper and the hidden Author thereof we utterly disowne and deny and are fully assured in our minds that notwithstanding the fained Imitation of a Quaker in Some words, the Author thereof neither is or ever was of our Society or owned by us as such, for it hath not in it the Image of that Inocent Harmless and peaceable truth of our Lord Jesus Christ which we profess and believe in. But is Rather a Scurrilous Libell tending to Affront Authority a practice as remote from our principall & practice as the East is from the West, and we have Reason to believe that hidden Author of the said Libell is some evill minded person that Endeavours by ill practice to render us the peacable people called Quakers obnoxious to this Civill & Moderate Government from whom we freely and readily acknowledge wee have and do receive obligatory kindness, perticularly in its protecting of us in the peaceable enjoyment of our Concientious Liberty in Relation to the Worship of Almighty God and also in the full and free Enjoyment of the Laws and Libertys of English Subjects, and we humbly take Liberty to declare that that person (Clark) named in the said Written paper, and now an outlaw in Rebellion ag^t the Government we believe is a wicked and ungodly person and all his Actions which have been and are continued to be Villeanious abusive and Rebelious against the peaceable Government of this province, and all his Confederates Aiders Assisters and abettors therein, we doe from our hearts deny disowne detest Abhorr and abominate, And it is altogether repugnant to the thought Intent and purpose of our hearts to concerne our Selves Either on his or his wifes Account any way but trully and heartily desires that he and all his Confederates in wickedness and Rebellion may be brought to Iustice p. 68

And this wee have given forth in true Sencerity for the Clearing of the truth of God which wee profess from Scandalls & all Scandalous & Rebelious persons and practices. p. 69