

This House cannot conclude without expressing their firm Confidence in the King, Our Common Head and Father, that the united and dutiful Supplications of his distressed American Subjects will meet with his Royal and favourable Acceptance.

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Signed by the Speaker.

A true Copy.

Att. Samuel Adams Clk.

His Excellency informs this Board that in Consequence of the foregoing Letters he sent the following Message to the Lower House of Assembly.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly

The King, our most gracious Sovereign, having been informed, that a Circular Letter, a Copy of which hath been communicated to His Ministers, was in February last sent by the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay to the Speakers of other Houses of Assembly in North America, hath been pleased to order it to be signified to me that he considers such Measures to be of a most dangerous and factious Tendency, calculated to inflame the Minds of his good Subjects in the Colonies, to promote an unwarrantable Combination, to excite and encourage an open opposition to, and Denial of the Authority of Parliament, and to Subvert the true Principles of the Constitution; but, while I notify to you his Majesty's Sentiments, with respect to this Matter, I am also to tell you, that the repeated proofs which have been given by the Assembly of this Province, of their Reverence and respect for the Laws, and of their faithful Attachment to the Constitution, leave little Room for his Majesty to doubt of their Shewing a proper Resentment of such unjustifiable attempts to revive those Distractions which have operated so fatally to the Prejudice of both the Colonies and the Mother Country, And I flatter myself that in case such Letter has been addressed to the Speaker of your House, you will confirm the favourable Opinion his Majesty at present entertains of his Maryland Subjects, by taking no Notice of such Letter, which will be treating it with the Contempt it deserves.

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June the 20th 1768. Hor^o Sharpe

His Excellency acquaints this Board that in Answer to the above Message he received the following Address, and requests their Advice thereon.