

U. H. J. of most of the People here has Little Claim to a Truly Generous and Liberall Education yet Abundance of youth now Growing up are unhappily Destitute of those Comon Improvements w^{ch} Nature hath made them very Capable of for the Rendering them better Christians better Subjects to his Majesty & Better Qualified p^{sons} for the Just Discharge of the Sev^l Trusts To which Your Lordship or your Successors may have Occasion to Appoint them as well in the Offices of State as in the Distribution of Justice & all Other the Exigencys of Life

Wee Humbly Begg leave to Lay before your Lordships that by an Act of Parliament of the 25th of King Charles the second a Duty of One penny p pound was Laid upon all Tobacco transported from Plantation to Plantation the whole of which Revenue by the Royall Donation of the late King William the Third of Glorious memory was Appropriated to the Building and maintaining a Colledge of Learning in Virginia ever since which the good People of this p^{vince} have paid Large Sums of mony towards the Encouragement of Learning there which the Distance of the Place And the Great Charge of Schooling Children hath made Altogether useless to us; For such p^{sons} as are of Ability to Defray such Charge choose Rather to Educate their Children in Great Brittain whilst the middling Sort of People who only Stand in need for the Education of their Children of such Pious and Charitable Foundation reap not the least Benefitt thereby.

But if the Royal Grants of King William af^d be Limited to a Certain time when it shall Determine as we are informed it is then we are in Great hopes that upon the proper Application to his most sacred Majesty setting forth that we Your Lordships Tenants of this p^{vince} are alike Subjects of Great Brittain with those of Virginia that we are under much Greater Difficultys as to Schools that there hath been Sums of mony p. 114 Collected on the said Duty of One penny p pound and applyed to the Colledge af^d that a Magnificent Colledge is and hath been Long since Built in Virginia We are Humbly of Opinion that it may now be thought Reasonable that we his Majestys Loyall Subjects of this p^{vince} should have some share in his Royall Bounty Towards the Support of a Free School already Built at Annapolis And that the One Penny p pound to be Collected within this p^{vince} after the Determination of the Grant to the Gov^r and Trustees of the College in Virginia af^d might be applyed to the use and Support thereof

Wherefore we humbly Implore your Lordships kind Endeavours in Assisting & Carrying on a Design so truly noble &