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For the Affirmative

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The following Address was approved by the House and Ordered to be Ingressed, Viz.

To His Exc^y: Sam^l Ogle Esq^r Governour of Maryland
The Humble Address of the House of Delegates.

May it please your Excellency.

1) We his Majesties most Dutifull and Loyal Liege Subjects the Delegates of the Freemen of the Province of Maryland, in Assembly convened beg leave to return your Exc^y our hearty thanks for the kind Declaration in your Speech at the opening of this Session

We confess ourselves at a Loss to know certainly the Motives that Induced your Excellency to the Unprecedented Prorogation of the last Assembly, the Misunderstanding that then subsisted was due to a Misapprehension of one of his Lordships Council, in which had a Milder Medium been used this House would readily Undeceived the Gentlemen, or that Honourable Board.

And we are not forgetfull of the Advances this House then made for the Dispatch of the Publick Business, by repeated Messages sent by their Honourable Members.

We are now again Willing and desirous to pass by the unparalleled Treatment of this House in the Person of their Honourable Speaker as also the manner of the then Prorogation and that at a time when the representative Body of the People were in the Execution of their Duty, doing Justice to their Constituents and Honour to the Government, by Endeavouring to bring to light Offences and Offenders against both.

We are very willing to put the mildest construction on these proceedings as also the Subsequent dissolution of that Assembly to the great Charge and Trouble of his Majesties Liege Subjects the good People of Maryland.

We cannot pass by in Silence a circumstance attending that time tho' Triffling and minute in it self by the Person, who altho then under the censure of the Delegates of the Freemen of Maryland for having grossly Reflected on that Body in Generall and some in particular Yet Immediately thereupon put into a place of Proffit and Trust in one of the Courts of Record.

We Humbly hope there is some Honour and regard due to the Body of the People his Majesties Liege Subjects, and we are Sorry to see Merrit made of that which ought to Debase, and those mostly