

be transmitted to Great Britain previous to the presenting that Address to his Lordship by our Agent and if your Excellency had not Communicated it we could hardly have perswaded our Selves that his Lordship had never heard any thing of that Address as A Copy thereof was so long since required of our Clerk and not being unsensible of the great and Early Care that was taken by the Government to Apprize his Lordship as well of that address as of every other material transaction at our last meeting.

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Your Excellencys recommending temper and moderation in our proceedings is most agreeable to us being what we have ever regarded in all our past and shall endeavour to make the Rule of our future Conduct and are determined free from violent and personal malice or hatred on the one side or fear favour and Affection on the other in that Calm and Cool way only to pursue the publick welfare and we hope by our Conduct to Convince your Excellency and the People we have the honour to represent that the good of this Country is our only view and as we are Sensible that the making of Laws for the real advantage of those who are to be bound by them is a Task Attended with great difficulty we will Endeavour with the greatest thought and Attention to discharge our Duty therein.

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We are really Concerned that we have the misfortune to Differ in Opinion in any points and truly wish that our Cool and temperate reasoning could have brought or may bring us to A right understanding We are so well Assured that the Interest of his Lordship depends on the prosperity of the Province that we are unwilling to imagine he has not the latter Sincerely at heart.

For the Safety of the People and Security of their property we shall with all Chearfulness give the Government A Suitable and honourable Support as well as raise such Sums as may be thought necessary in the present Situation of Affairs according to our Abilities thereby to shew the regard we have for the welfare of the Province our Zeal for the publick Good and the forwarding his Majesty's Service

Whatever Danger might have been lately apprehended from some negroes in Prince Georges County the punishment they Received we apprehend will Deter others from the like practice and we hope has prevented any Ill Consequencys that might have Ensued Self preservation and Common prudence will Induce us on proper Occasions to take into our Consideration what may be necessary for our own future defence and Security as well against our Negroes as our Neighbors the French

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Our Common Safety is Certainly A point very well worth our Attention in the Consideration of which we will Act with all the prudence and discretion we are Masters of and it is with great pleasure we hear of the Glory Acquiring by the British Arms to which we most Sincerely wish A Continued Series of Success

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