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Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly of the Province of Maryland, to his Majesty, Setting forth the Distresses the Inhabitants of that Province Labour under by the Restrictions laid upon the Trade and Commerce of his Majestys Plantations and Colonies in America by an Act of Parliament passed in the 30 Year of his Majestys Reign for prohibiting the Exportation of Grain and other Provisions from his Majestys Colonies and Plantations in America unless to Great Britain or Ireland or to Some of the said Colonies and Plantations," And Humbly Praying, that his Majesty will be Graciously pleased to Exercise the Power which the Legislature has placed in his Majesty to the relief of the good People of that Province, in such manner as may be most agreeable to his Royal Will and Pleasure, we have also considered the full and Clear Representation of this Matter mentioned in the said Petition to have been Transmitted to us by the said House of Assembly and we beg to lay before your Lordships the Annexed Copy of it. Your Lordships will Observe that the request contained in the said Representation Consists of two parts

1.<sup>st</sup> to be Relieved from the restrictions and Conditions under which the said Act of Parliament Permits the Exportation of Grain and other Provisions from any one to any other of his Majestys Colonies and to Great Britain and Ireland

2<sup>d</sup> To be permitted to export the Like Commodities to Countrys whereto Such Exportation is by the said Act Prohibited namely to the Maderias Cadiz and Lisbon.

Upon a full Consideration of the Act of Parliament it appears to us, that the Power thereby vested in his Majesty relates entirely to the Latter of these points and does not as we Humbly Conceive, extend to the former this However must be Submitted to your Lordships Judgment, But as the Hardships alledged to result from the restrictions imposed by this Act cannot be Peculiar to Maryland, but must be equally felt by such other of the Colonies as raise great quantities of Provisions, as the granting such an Exemption to one Colony, would Naturally encourage the rest to Ask and expect a Like Indulgence which if it became General would defeat the Great Object of the said Act of Parliament; and as the very Allegations of the petition appear to us to prove the necessity of the said Restrictions, we cannot think it Adviseable that the first Part of the request should be Complied with.

With respect to the latter point, we beg leave to Observe to your Lordships that as the said Act of Parliament was passed in a time of Scarcity in this Kingdom, the removal of that grievance may be presumed to have been one of the Objects Proposed by the Legislature in Passing it, And if your Lordships should be of Opinion that the Evil is remedied in Such a Degree, as that this Country has no further Occasion for Supplies of Corn or other provisions from the