

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address to the House of Delegates of the Province of Maryland.

L. H. J.
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Most Gracious Sovereign

Sensibly affected at our loss in the Death of your royal Grandfather our late most excellent King, permit us by a sincere Condolence to express our Regard for his glorious Memory and to acknowledge the many great Blessings we enjoyed under his mild and auspicious Reign; The Safety and Protection We have experienced in common with our Sister Colonies, throughout the Course of the present War, particularly engage us to acknowledge with Gratitude his paternal Care, but amidst our sorrow at this afflicting event, We have the Consolation to reflect, that every Blessing We enjoyed under his Auspicious reign, will certainly be continued to us by your Majesty whose Accession to the throne, We beg leave to congratulate with the most unfeigned Joy, and the highest Satisfaction. And though it be our Misfortune to be thus in the Discharge of this Duty, We humbly intreat your Majesty to suspend every unfavorable Sentiment of the People of Maryland or their Representatives 'till the real Causes of it are laid open to your royal Consideration, when We are in no doubt of being found as sincere in our Affection for your Person, and as firm in our Attachment to your Government, as any of your Subjects. Permit us also at this Time, most gracious Sovereign, to offer our most sincere Congratulations on your marriage with an illustrious protestant Princess, endowed with every Virtue and Accomplishment necessary to compleat your own Domestick Happiness and the Welfare of your People, And to participate the general Joy which this happy Event has occasioned throughout your extensive Dominions; An event which affords us the pleasing Prospect that our Posterity will be subjects to your royal Offspring, and under them enjoy every Happiness which We experience under your wise benevolent and Patriot Government. Long may your Majesty continue to reign over a Happy and Grateful People, justly sensible of your royal Merits, and when it shall please the Almighty to call you to the Rewards of a Life spent in attending to the Interests of Liberty Virtue and true Religion may your Majesty have the singular Happiness of reflecting that your Crown and Dominions will devolve upon a worthy successor of your own Illustrious Issue; the effect of your present Happy Marriage in that Height of Glory and Reputation, in which they now stand.

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Which was read and assented to and signed by Order of the House by the honble speaker.

Ordered, That Mr. Edward Tilghman, Mr. James Tilghman, Mr. Murdock, Mr. Robert Lloyd, Mr. Ringgold, and Mr. Hammond, do