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the Obstinate pursuit of the Measures that have unhappily given occasion for the very severe Reprehension contained in his Letter, on your Zeal to promote the Honour, Glory & Service of a Sovereign whose unwearied Application constant Attention and Study to preserve and advance the Happiness and prosperity of his People have rendered him extremely dear to all his Subjects throughout his extensive Dominions on your Gratitude for the innumerable and inestimable Blessings the Inhabitants of this Province in common with their fellow Subjects enjoy under his auspicious Reign and on your wishes to see our present Security firmly established by a safe and honourable Peace for which security we are indebted to the wise & vigorous Measures of a most excellent Sovereign and the extraordinary Efforts of the Mother Country in our defence at a time when we were on the point of falling a prey to a barbarous Enemy. I am persuaded it would be unnecessary for me to urge any arguments in Addition to what are contained in the Letters I shall lay before you and flatter myself that your ready Compliance with his Majesty's Requisitions, will, at the same time it redounds to the Honour of this new Assembly, incline our most Gracious Sovereign as well as his Ministers and the Commander in Chief of the Kings Forces on this Continent to entertain the most favourable Opinion of the Loyalty Affection and Zeal of the Inhabitants of Maryland

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As the King has nothing so much at Heart, as to secure and improve the great & important Advantages, gained since the Commencement of this War in North America, and having seen his good Dispositions to restore the Publick Tranquility, entirely frustrated by the Insincerity & Chicane of the Court of Versailles, in the late Negotiation; and as nothing can so effectually contribute to the great and essential Object of reducing the Enemy to the Necessity of Accepting a Peace, on Terms of Glory and Advantage to his Majestys Crown, and beneficial, in particular, to his Subjects in America, as the King's being enabled to employ, as immediately as may be, such part of the regular Forces in North America, as may be adequate to some great & important Enterprize against the Enemy; I am commanded to Signify to you the King's Pleasure, that, in order the better to provide for the full and entire security of his Majestys Dominions in North America and particularly of the Possession of his Majestys Conquests there, during the absence of such part of the Regular Forces, you do, forthwith use your utmost Endeavours & Influence with the Council and Assembly of your Province to induce them to raise, with all possible dispatch within your Government, as large a Body of Men, as the Number & Situation of Its Inhabitants may allow; (and I am particularly com-