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THE LETTER, DATED JUNE 24, 1768, FROM THE
SPEAKER OF THE LOWER HOUSE OF THE
MARYLAND ASSEMBLY IN REPLY TO
ONE FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
ON THE TOWNSHEND ACTS

[THIS LETTER FROM ROBERT LLOYD, SPEAKER OF THE LOWER HOUSE OF THE MARYLAND ASSEMBLY TO THOMAS CUSHING, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF MASSACHUSETTS, DATED JUNE 24, 1768, WAS WRITTEN UNDER ORDERS FROM THE MARYLAND HOUSE IN REPLY TO THE CIRCULAR LETTER FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS HOUSE ADDRESSED TO THE LOWER HOUSES OF THE SEVERAL COLONIES, SUGGESTING THAT THEY CONSULT AS TO THE BEST STEPS TO TAKE "TO HARMONIZE" THEIR PROTESTS AGAINST THE RECENTLY ENACTED TOWNSHEND ACTS, TAXING TEA, GLASS, PAPER, AND PAINTERS' COLORS BROUGHT INTO THE COLONIES. ORDERS WERE ISSUED BY GEORGE III TO THE SEVERAL GOVERNORS, DIRECTING THEM TO PREVENT ANY NOTICE BEING TAKEN OF THIS COMMUNICATION AND TO DISSOLVE IMMEDIATELY ANY ASSEMBLY WHICH SHOULD ATTEMPT TO DO SO. THE MARYLAND LOWER HOUSE EVADED THE COMMANDS OF THE KING TO THE GOVERNOR AS TO DISSOLUTION BY ADOPTING JUST BEFORE ADJOURNMENT A PETITION OF PROTEST TO THE KING, AND BY DIRECTING ITS SPEAKER TO REPLY TO THE MASSACHUSETTS HOUSE, EXPRESSING ITS APPROVAL OF THE ACTIONS WHICH THIS COLONY HAD TAKEN. THIS LETTER, DATED AFTER ADJOURNMENT, DOES NOT APPEAR ENTERED IN THE JOURNAL OF THE LOWER HOUSE, BUT WAS PRINTED IN THE JULY 28, 1768 ISSUE OF THE ANNAPOLIS *Gazette*, FROM WHICH IT IS REPRINTED HERE. SEE PAGES lix-lxiii, cviii.]

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To the Honourable Thomas Cushing, Esq; Speaker of the Honourable House of Representatives of Massachusetts-Bay.

Sir,

I had the Honour to receive your Favour of the 11th of February last, and on a Meeting of our Assembly, I communicated it to our House, and I am desired to assure you, they acknowledge themselves obliged, by a candid and free Communication of Sentiments of a Sister Colony, on a Point so interesting to the whole; and that their Opinion of the Consequences to the Colonies, of the Operation of the several Acts of Parliament you allude to, coincide exactly with