

L. H. J. To his Excellency Fran Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> and Gov<sup>r</sup> of this his Maj<sup>ty</sup>s Province and Territory of Maryland.

S<sup>r</sup> having Lately Recd Intimacōn from yō Selfe and others that his Maj<sup>ty</sup> has thought fitt to remove unto another Governm<sup>t</sup> that of our neighbour Collony of Virg<sup>a</sup> and reflecting with ourselves how becomeing a thing it is to have allways a Gratefull Remembrance of Benefitts Received we cannot forbear to leave this Testimony and acknowledgment under our hands as it proceeds from our hearts.

That in yo<sup>r</sup> Conduct over us in this place yō Great care and Studdy has been to promote the practice of piety and Worshipp of Almighty God by erecting Churches, Schooles and nurserys  
 p. 283 of Learning both for Reforming of manners and Education of youth wherein you have not only been a large Benefactor but an Indefallible promoter together with yo<sup>r</sup> Integrity of maintaining his Maty<sup>s</sup> hono<sup>r</sup> and authority in this Province your care in Providing Arms and Millitary Instruments for the Defence of it, Yo<sup>r</sup> Regulating and happy Settlem<sup>ts</sup> of the Civill Constitucōn both as to the Courts of Justice and in bringing us out of Debt w<sup>ch</sup> the publick Was in, into a Condi- cōn clear of Debt and money in Bank by yo<sup>r</sup> promotion of Good Laws to such purposes your great care to cause Speedy Iustice to be administered to all p<sup>rs</sup>ons, your pious and Iuste yō noble and Benevolent carriage in all things deserves better penns and would take up more paper paper then this to Recount.

Be pleased therefore Hon<sup>rd</sup> S<sup>r</sup> to accept these our humble acknowledgm<sup>ts</sup> for the same as the Just though Slender Tribute of an obliged people to a Generous and good Governour praying to God to bless you and all your pious and noble undertakings with happiness and Success.

So prays your humble and obliged Servants

Henry Iowles.

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Charles Hutchins		Thom <sup>s</sup> Brooke		
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