As to the last Message brought from the house of their Original grateful acknowledgement to his Excellency the Governour Journal, this Board do willingly concur thereto and desire his Excellency to accept thereof who returns this Assembly his hearty thanks

By his Excellency the Governour & Council in Assembly
March 24<sup>th</sup> 1701/2

This Board do willingly concur with the offer of the House of Delegates and desire his Excel<sup>cy</sup> to accept thereof who returns this General Assembly his hearty Thanks

Signed p order W Bladen Cl Council.

The said Gentlemen bring also the following Resolves of the House relating to New York viz.

May it please your Excellency

His Majesty's Letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> January 1700/1 & your Excellency's Speech on that Subject touching a Supply of mony to New York has been seriously debated and considered and our Loyalty and Duty to his Majesty having carried us on through all the difficultys and obstructions we have resolved on a Supply of money to the utmost Degree of what we have or can by any means attain to which with trouble of mind we are forced to acknowledg will not amount to above p. 218 300 b which although it be not the whole Sum mentioned yet it is all we have or can gett and by which we are Constrained to leave some just debts of the publick unpaid and our selves in a weak State of defence against our common Enemy the Indians who are daily annoying our Frontiers

And because we have great Reason to believe that our neighbours of New York have not used us fairly in representing our Condition to his most Sacred Majesty otherwise than what really is and are well assured that it will be much more for his Majesty's Service to apply the said Mony and also Strength we are able to Exert to the defence of his Majesty's Province of Maryland in as great or greater Danger than New York and not to them who are much abler to defend themselves than we and from whose fortifications or other Strength we can have no manner of Safety or Security we beseech your Excellency plainly & Sincerely to represent the Truth of our Condition to his Majesty imploring his Majesty's Grace and Favour to make good these assertions which are plain Matter of Fact & undoubted Truths

I That the Indians of New York have as Easy and open access to us as to them, who being a light flying wild bar-

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