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	Col ^o James Smallwood	M ^r Robert Bradley
	M ^r William Stone	M ^r Robert Tyler
	M ^r John Beale	M ^r John Bradford
	Captain William Herbert	
	Baltimore County	Queen Ann's County
	M ^r Richard Colegate	M ^r John Salter
	Col ^o James Maxwell	M ^r John Whittington
	M ^r James Philips	M ^r Solomon Wright
	M ^r William Pickett	M ^r Philemon Hemsley

Captain Jones brought into the House the Petition of Henry Roberts

M^r Speaker brings into the House the Address to her Majesty Which the House approves and ordered to be entered as follows

The humble Address of the Delegates and Representatives of the several and respective Counties of the Province of Maryland now sitting in a General Assembly Sheweth to your Majesty.

That his Excellency, John Seymour Esquire our present Governor hath given us to understand your Majestys Dissasent to two Bills one about the Gauge of Tobacco Hogsheads and the other against the Cropping and defacing Tobacco which we believe your Majesty would not have denied your Royal Assent if any had appeared for us to have made your Majesty sensible of the Reasonableness of the said Bills. And first we humbly beg Leave to lay before your Majesty the true State of the Trade of this Province as it is at present and hath been [in] the late Wars and this. And so it is that the Merchants living at London, most usually during the Wars, adventure on their own Account little or nothing, most great Ships being either owned or hired by them bring not one Penny worth of Goods to barter or purchase Tobacco but come only on ffreight to which they have great Encouragement by their Artifices in raising it to an extravagant Height. But the Tobacco that loads and employs so many large and defensible Ships pays such vast Sums to your Majesty's Coffers and purchases such abundance of the Goods and Manufactures of Great Britain is the proper Tobacco of the Planters Merchants and Inhabitants of this Province and at their proper Risque and Hazard sent to London and the Duties thereof in great Measure paid with the proper Monies of such as are pretty well aforehand and can leave Money in London Merchants Hands who act as our Agents and ffactors and thereby with little or no Hazard most

p. 329 certainly gather vast Wealth and Estates by their Commission