

L. H. J. Excellency our hearty thanks for your Notice of the Languid State of our Trade and kind recommendation of it to our Serious Consideration which we shall Endeavour to take in the best Manner, we are Capable of, being Convinced; that it is a matter of the last Consequence to our Country And therefore Deserves the Greatest Attention.

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As your Excellency has been pleased to Mention and Communicate to us two Queries, Sent to your Excellency by the Lords Commissioners of Trade & Plantations & to Desire our Advice and Information thereon; Nothing shall be wanting within our power & knowledge, to make such a Representation to your Excellency, in Answer to those Queries, as the important Relation of them to this Country requires: But we beg leave to take Notice, that we conceive the Officers of the Several Districts can Contribute by their Books and Entrys to give more light into that Affair, than any Insight or Information we can Expect from any otherway; And therefore We request your Excellency will please to Direct such Entrys or so much of them as may relate to the Trade of this Province to be laid before this House; That we may be the better Enabled, to give a proper Satisfaction to your Excellency in those points.

We are Obliged to your Excellency for your Earnest Recommendation of such prudent and wise Proceedings as may Justifie a Report from your Excellency which may be Creditable and Usefull to this Province: And as We flatter ourselves that we have Acted in the trust reposed in us in the best Manner we are Able; So We cannot doubt of your Excellencys true Affection to this Province, in putting our proceedings in such a Light, as may be pleasing to Our Superiors at home, and Advantageous to the Good people here.

As We are Convinced, that the Security of the Blessings peculiar, and so dear, to the Subjects of Great Britain, depend under God, on the present happy Establishman in our most Gracious Sovereign King George his August house, so we beg leave to Assure your Excellency that whatever Disadvantages the people of Maryland may be Under, by their Distance from their Mother Country, We are not Inferiour to any of his Majesty's Subjects in our Zeal and Loyalty to his Royal person, nor in the Sincerity of our wishes and prayers for his Reigning Long and happily, and that the Sceptre of Great Britain may be very Sway'd by one of his Majestys Royal Descendants; And we hope and think that We have Always Demonstrated, a regardful Duty to our Lord Proprietary, and his Government, becoming faithful Subjects to our Sovereign, and Lovers of peace and Order, And that we have not been wanting in Justice, and good Nature in our proceedings, and your Excellencys handsome Exhortation to preserve in the Discharge of our Dutys so necessary in themselves, & so likely to Advance the prosperity of Maryland, Demands our most Gratefull Acknowledgement.

Signed by Order of the House p John Mackall, Speaker.

August the 20th 1731.