

May it Please y<sup>r</sup> Lordship.

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We his Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Representatives of the freemen of Maryland beg leave to Embrace (this being the first) Opportunity of Congratulating your Lordship on your safe Arrival Among us And to Assure Your Lordship that nothing could give your Tenants greater Pleasure & Satisfaction than your Presence.

We return your Lordship our most humble and hearty thanks for your kind Speech at the opening of this Session wherein your Lordship is pleased as well to Express a Generous Concern for the great Difficulties which this Province hath Laboured under Occasioned by the Unhappy State of its Trade as to Perswade us by the most forceable Arguments to Endeavour the removall of the Evills under which our Country has Groaned. p. 445

The Honour of the Legislature and the good of the People We represent are motives Sufficient if any (can be so) to Excite us to Embrace the present (we hope) happy Opportunity to Establish our Trade upon a good foundation And we are Determined so to behave ourselves in the Discharge of a Duty so Essential to the good of our Country as to Answer the Expectations of the People we represent to the Utmost of our power.

We will take the State of the Goals into our Consideration and Endeavour to redress what is Amiss with regard to them and make such Amendments to the Act for regulating the Militia as may be found Necessary to render it more Useful for the Defence of the Province for we are Convinced that nothing can so Effectually preserve property as being in a Posture to Defend it.

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We want words to Express the grateful Sense we have of the obligations your faithfull Tenants are under to you for undertaking so fatiguing & Hazardous a Voyage with so Generous & Worthy a purpose as promoting the welfare of this your Province and for the Assurance Your Lordship has been pleased to give us that you will readily Concur in any thing that may Answer that End; Such an Assurance from your Lordship cannot but fill our hearts with the greatest Joy and must give us the Greatest hopes that your Lordship your Noble Family and your Tenants will derive lasting Advantages from your Lordships coming into your Province And we hope and trust it will Excite an Emulation in people of all Conditions to Serve their Country faithfully in their respective Stations, to behave themselves with the greatest Loyalty to his Sacred Majesty King George the best of Princis, and with the greatest Duty Affection & Gratitude to your Lordship the best of Proprietary's.

Signed by Order of the House  
ᵗ John Mackall Speaker.

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