

the Preamble, so they are the sole foundation on which this part of the Bill is founded

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That the said Bill has Blended together in one general view all the British Colonies and Plantations in America without attending to the Distinction between such Plantations as are under his Majestys own immediate Commission and Government, and such Colonies as have been Erected and Established by Royal Grants and Charters, The Crown having in the former constantly reserved to themselves the giving their Sanction and approbation to all Laws there Enacted, and as they appointed the Governours, have always Issued their own orders and Instructions to such Governours as They Thought fitting; But in several of the latter, particularly in your Petitioners Province of Maryland, the Crown have wholly divested themselves of the Legislative powers and have therefore never Intermedled therewith

That the Proprietary Governments stand greatly distinguished even from the Charter Governments for the Proprietary Lords by their residence in England near his Majestys sacred person are always ready when called upon to Answer for the due Exercise of the Power vested in them by the Royal Grants and have no Interest to promote Independent of the True Interest of their Mother Country where they have likewise a very Considerable share of property

That your Petitioner is advised That his Majesty's orders and Instructions cannot by the Laws and Constitution of this Land be made the Rule of Government in any of his Majestys British Dominions, much less will this honourable House, as your Petitioner humbly hopes, Lend their Assistance to the Enforcing such orders and Instructions as shall be Transmitted under the Authority only of the Crown to Limitt and Controll the Powers and Authoritys vested in your Petitioner and the other Proprietary and Charter Governours and in direct breach and violation of those Royal Charters and Grants

That the negative given by the last Clause of the Bill to the Governor or person acting as Governor for the time being is Inconsistent with the said Charter or Grant to your Petitioners ancestor and is a direct Invasion and Infringement of the rights vested by the said Charter in your Petitioner the Proprietary

That your Petitioner begs leave to Express his hopes that this Honourable House will not under the specious appearance of redressing the Irregularities and Excesses of Government in some of the Colonies and Plantations, overturn the Just Rights of others granted and Confirmed to them by the Royal Grant, hitherto Enjoyed Inviolate, and to this day neither forfeited or having given the least Cause of Offence

And your Petitioner further begs leave to Submit to the Consideration of this Honourable House the Dangerous Consequences of