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Colonies in North America we see no reason why his Majesty may not be graciously Pleased to Permit the Inhabitants of the said Colonies to Export their Corn and other Provisions to the Madeiras and to the European Dominions of Princes and States in Amity with his Majesty but we are Humbly of Opinion that Such Exportation should only be Permitted under the Restrictions which the said Act of Parliament Prescribes for regulating the Exportation from the Colonies to any other part of his Majesty's Dominions, and that they should be inserted, with such Alterations as the Circumstances of the different Cases may require in the Proclamation or order in Council, Whereby his Majesty may think Proper to grant Such Permission those Restrictions would as we Conceive effectually prevent the Fraudulent Conveyance of any such Provisions directly to the Ports of the Enemy and the great Expence of a Double Freight on Commodities so bulky, would it may be Presumed, prevent their being carried thither by a Second Voyage

We are, My Lords

Your Lordships most Obed.^t

Humble Serv.^{ts}

Signed Dunk Halifax

James Oswald

W. G. Hamilton

Whitehall Council Office 23,^d Aug.^t 1758.

My Lord

The Petition of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly of Maryland to the King, Praying to be Permitted to Export Corn &c.^a having upon your Lordships Application been referred by his Majesty to the Lords of the Committee of his Privy Council their Lordships took the Same into their Consideration and Observing that mention was made therein that a full representation of this matter had been Transmitted to the board of Trade their Lordships therefore thought Proper to refer the said Petition to that Board to Consider, the whole of this affair, and report their opinion thereupon: which the said Board having accordingly done I transmit herewith a Copy of their report, that your Lordship may be apprized of what the said Board have proposed to be done, your Lordship will be pleased to Observe that they have reported against Complying with that part of the Petition which prays to be relieved from the Restrictions under which the Act of Parliament permits the Exportation of Grain &c. to great Britain Ireland or the Plantations and as to the other part of the Petition which prays leave to export Corn &c.^a to places Prohibited by the said Act, the Board of Trade have given no Opinion thereupon, but say that as the Scarcity of Corn in this Kingdom was the Occasion of passing the said Act, if the Lords of the Committee should be of Opinion that this Country