London 12th April 1761.

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Gentlemen.

Inclosed we transmit You a Copy of a Bill relating to Paper Bills or Bills of Credit in America, it has been twice read & committed to a Committee of the whole House of Commons, approv'd of by the Committee, & their Report is to be made this afternoon to the House, therefore little or no doubt remains that it will pass into an Act of Parliament; & the Royal Assent be given thereto the 19th Instant; the Words through wch the Lines are drawn shews how the Bill stood after the first reading; the Words interlin'd shews the alterations since made & the Bill perfect:. We have reason to believe & flatter ourselves that it was our endeavours wch proved so far successfull as to obtain those alterations in consequence of the situation of the Paper Currency of Your Province, and the Tax for payment thereof; we endeavoured to obtain a clause to exempt Maryland entirely from being affected by this Bill, but could not succeed. — We think it incumbent on us thus early to apprize you of the present state of this Bill, that you may be enabled to take such steps as you see most proper to prevent any ill effects that might otherwise arrise from private advices. We shall write You again in a few days & are with great Esteem. —

Your humble Servants &c

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