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We who have ye Honour to be of ye Ldpps Councill of Slate, for ye Province of Maryland, think ourselves in Duty bound to Acknowledge ye Ldpps Goodness --- Commune --- with us --- ye Reasons for takeing the Administracon [out] of the hands of Thos Brooke Esqr and placeing it Upon Charles Calvert Esqr such Condescending Ways of Cultivating a good Understanding with ye Councill here, cannott but be most Acceptable to us all and Exacts our hearty thanks for it as well as for ye Ldpps Choice of a Gent to be ye Lt. and cheif Governr over this Province, who as ye Ldpp is pleased to intimate to us hath given such early proofs of his kind wishes and hearty Endeavours for ye Prosperity of Maryland by doeing wt. in him lay to --- ye Interest of ye Proprietor with yt of ye Poeple such having been his Practices allready before he came among Us, ~~confirmed by his Extraordinary goodness and prudent Conduct since his Arrival~~, we do with a great deal of Assurance promise our Selves yt: he will build upon ye same foundacon still and that --- [3 lines illegible] Assure ye Ldpp not wth standing ye Malicious designs and Insinuations --- Persons Endeavouring to Create a misunderstanding between ye Ldpp and ye good Poeple of Maryland --- never submit to such mean thoughts of our Propy as to beleive he [ever] designed to make --- of his Governorsp of wch we are so little Apprehensive yt we shall beleive our Selves highly --- ed and our Country compleatly Happy whensoever --- reside among Us and bring to Perfection yt. true --- and charitable work of burying all seeds of Rancor [and] Jealousy wheresoever found by uniteing ye hearts and --- of all misguided Poeple --- this Province.

May it please ye Ldpp we lay hold of this Opportunity to Express our Entire satisfaction of ye Ldpps Approbation give --- Choice of his Agent and have ye Greator Value for --- Judgmt therein seeing yt you are pleased to distinguish him as a Person yt --- Constantly attatched to ye Protestant Interest of Approved Loyalty to ye King and in good Esteem wth his Matys Ministers at home, whereby he is so much ye better Enabled for ye negotiating such Affaires as shall be thought most condusive to ye Prosperity of Maryland -

~~My Lord~~ It is wth a great Deal of Satisfaction yt we Observe a benigh Genius --- position to temper mercy with Justice and yet to preserve a Due Executi-- --- discovers itself in ye Ldpps Kind Speech to ye Councill - from whence we promise our selves yt ye Same Dispo------ Councill & Engag--- ---ill ye Ldpps faithfull servants to Peticon ye Divine Providence for ye Long --- and prosper our Governmt --- Us wch live [in] our Parts --- improve.

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