We are much Displeased if the Militia the Governor Recommended out to the assistance of our Back Inhabitants did not lay the Journals of their proceedings before your Majesty in hopes you would have looked over it, and made them such allowances for the time they were absent in the Service of the province as might be Reasonable

at this Juncture the publick debt of Nine years standing in Tobacco and money is very great and must be found burthensom to the people, This we hope cannot be Imputed to us for had you thought proper to have made the Allowance to the Commissary of Stores and to the Clerk of the Council many thousands) Unnecessary Expences to the Country might have been saved, we have sent you down the Journal in hopes you will make the Amendments proposed in such manner as it may pass

We Readily agree that the publick debt of nine years standing is indeed very great and ought it be still more burthensom to the people if suffered to be annually increasing, but we think it can not be Imputed to us, and we are so far from being Satisfied that no demand against the publick which has either a Lawfull or Reasonable foundation is Ommitted to be made on the Journal of Assembly sent up to you, that on the contrary we must in Justice to our Selves tell you that we think had you been willing to allow the Creditors of the publick what was due to them and the Servants there of such Wages as by the plainest Rules of Common Right and Justice you ought to have done, the publick credit would not have fallen into that Contemptable State in which you say it is, nor the Journal Lain so long without being passed which we now send down in hopes you will make the amendments proposed

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