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I send you the speech made by the King to his Parliament, at the close of the session on Tuesday last.

What his Majesty is pleased to say, in relation to the Measures which have been pursued in North America, will not escape your Notice, as the Satisfaction his Majesty expresses, in the Approbation his Parliament has given to them; and the Affurances of their firm Support in the Prosecutions of them, together with his Royal Opinions of the great Advantages that will probably accrue from the Concurrence of every Branch of the Legislature in the Execution of what is necessary for the due Execution of the Laws, cannot fail to produce the most salutary Effects.

From hence it will be understood, that the whole Legislature concurs in the Opinions adopted by his Majesty's servants, that no Measure ought to be taken which in any way derogate from the Legislative Authority of Great Britain over the Colonies; but I can take upon me to assure you notwithstanding informations to the contrary from Men with factious and seditious Views, that his Majesty's present Administrations have at no time entertained a design to propose to Parliament to lay any further Taxes upon America for the purpose of raising a Revenue, and that it is at present their intention to propose, in the next Session of Parliament, to take off the Duties upon Glass, Paper and Stamps, upon Consideration of such Duties having been laid contrary to the true Principles of Commerce.

These, Sir, have always been and still are the Sentiments of his Majesty's present Servants, and the Principles by which their Conduct in respect to America has been Governed; and his Majesty relies upon your Prudence and Fidelity for such an explanation of his Measures, as may tend to remove the Prejudices which have been excited by the misrepresentations of those who are Enemies to the Peace and Prosperity of Great Britain and her Colonies; and to reestablish that mutual Confidence and Affection, upon which the Glory and Safety of the British Empire depend. I am Sir

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant.
Hillsborough

Deputy Governor of Maryland