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[illegible] Lower House of Assembly —

That doubting but you are affected with extreme Sorrow and Concern for the Death of our late most gracious Sovereign of happy Memory, whose Paternal Care and All our Fellow Subjects in these Colonies have most sensibly experienced, I sincerely condole with you on that Melancholy Event, the fatal Consequences of which would be most severely felt throughout the extensive Dominions of Great Britain, was not His Majesty happily succeeded by One of his illustrious Descendants, whose many eminent and positively Virtues render him dear to All his Subjects, and give them full Assurance of the Continuance of the innumerable Blessings which they have enjoyed during the long, mild, just and glorious Reign of His Royal Grandfather.

That the People may enjoy these Blessings in the fullest Extent, His Majesty desires to see his Kingdoms in a State of Tranquillity, but being thoroughly persuaded that a vigorous Prosecution of the present War in which the Nation is engaged is the only effectual Measure to reduce the Enemy to the Necessity of [illegible]king Peace on [illegible] Glory and Advantage to His Crown, and particularly beneficial to [illegible] Subjects in America, whose Interest He hath at heart, His Majesty [illegible] is pleased to give Orders that such part of his Regular Troops in North America as may be adequate to some great [illegible] may be employed in some other Quarter against the [illegible] the ensuing Campaign; and that the Security of his Dominions [illegible] Sect, particularly of the Countries which in the Course of this War [illegible] the Blessing of the Almighty on the British Arms been reduced to the Obedience of our Sovereign may be the better provided for, His Majesty hath been pleased to signify his Expectations that His dutifull and loyal Subjects in these Colonies will without Delay raise and Support a sufficient Number of Troops for that Service to be employed on this Continent, during the Absence of such Regulars in the manner that the Commander in Chief of all His Forces in North America shall direct

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

That you may be more fully apprized what Assistance His Majesty wishes of You in particular, and how he vouchsafes to invite You by [illegible] and Encouragements to do what Your Duty to him and a Regard to Your own happiness and that of Your Posterity must strongly prompt you to perform, I shall lay before you a Letter from the Right Honble Wm Earl, and Another [illegible] His Excellency General Oughtred, hoping you will