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Sir,

I have His Majesty's Commands to transmit to You the inclosed Copy of a Letter from the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay, addressed by Order of that House to the Speaker of the Assembly of each Colony upon the Continent of North America.

As His Majesty considers this Measure to be of a most dangerous and factious Tendency, calculated to inflame the Minds of His good Subjects in the Colonies, to promote an unwarrantable Combination, and to excite and encourage an open Opposition to and Denial of the Authority of Parliament, and to subvert the true Principles of the Constitution; it is His Majesty's Pleasure that You should immediately, upon the Receipt hereof, exert your utmost Influence to defeat this flagitious Attempt to disturb the public Peace, by prevailing upon the Assembly of your Province to take no Notice of it, which will be treating it with the Contempt it deserves.

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The repeated Proofs, which have been given

Dep. Governor of Maryland.