Gentlemen of the Upper & Lower Houses of Assembly

81 It gives me much Pleasure to have an Opportunity of Congratulating you on the Many great & Signal Successes with which God hath blessed his Majestys Arms both by Sea and Land in Divers Parts of the World throughout the Course of the Last year which it was hoped would have inclined his Majestys Enemys to Peace and to Accept Such Terms as may have been Consistent with his Honour and the Interest of all his Subjects this good End however not having been yet Obtained but the French King on the Contrary still persisting in his unbounded ambition and Seeming Determined to Prosecute the War with fresh Vigour his Majesty our most gracious Sovereign in order to tender the Designs of his Enemys abortive, and having nothing so much at Heart as to improve the great and important Advantages gained in North America the Last Campaign hath been Pleased to Command his Excellency General Amherst to Proceed in the Reduction of Canada, as you will see by the Generals Letter, which Together with One that I had very Lately the Honour to receive from One of his Majestys Principal Secretaries of State shall be Laid before you, From these Letters you will Also Learn that his Majesty hoping all his faithfull & brave Subjects in Maryland as well as in his Other Colonies will at this Juncture chearfully Cooperate with and Second to the Utmost the Extraordinary Succours which have been Supplied by the Kingdom of Great Britain for our Preservation and future Security, hath been Pleased to Order me to Convene you without Delay

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