

of our Sovereign Lord & Lady the King & Queens May
 grace by Bounty & Goodness to this their Majestys Province
 of Maryland & more particularly in placing your Excellency
 to be Ruler & Gov^r over their Majestys Subjects inhabiting
 the same by means whereof we are not only freed from the
 fears & Dangers of Popish Tyranny & Oppression but from
 other calamities & miseries the People groaned under which
 being now changed into repose quiet & Lawful Liberty
 there is nothing further wanting to the composing the minds
 of ^{Men in} government peace & plenty save only the Dutiful Return
 of Veneration & Obedience from the people of this their Maj
 Province in acknowledging their fatherly tenderness &
 Indulgence in placing your Excellency to be Ruler over
 us

Your Petitioner in Contemplation of so ample Good
 ness & that he may in some measure be serviceable to this
 their Majestys Province under the Lawful Government
 of your Excellency humbly prays that he may be admitted
 to be Inorme one of their Majestys Attorneys of the Provin
 cial Court where your petitioner has been a practitioner
 above Twenty Years In which ^{Employment} your petitioner desires to
 spend the remainder of his Life, not only in Defending
 their Majestys rights by Law but shall always be ready
 to lay down his Life & Fortunes at their Maj^{ties} Feet & at
 the feet of your Excellency as Governour against all opposi
 tion whatsoever

And your Petitioner shall ever pray for your
 Excellencys long life & prosperity

Thomas Bland

It being Informed his Excellency & this Board that the
 Pet^r had upon the late Revolution approved himself a
 Person disaffected to their Majestys & the present Gov^r