

To his Excellency James Mactavish Esq
 Capt Gen & Gov in Chief of this his Majesty's
 Province of Maryland most humbly present
 These

His Excellency is pleased to say that he takes Mr
 Sty's Offence to be as well against the Government but
 if he thought it only against himself he would have
 scorned to have kept him in prison but at law but
 that his Majesty having intrusted the Government to
 him he must study the peace & welfare thereof therefore
 desires them to advise him what to do in this matter

Whereupon the Gentlemen present upon due con-
 sideration do advise his Excellency that in regard the
 said Sty is an utter stranger to the affairs of this Coun-
 try tho Born in it he having been so long absent in Eng-
 land & has been drawn in by his Father in Law John
 Wood & seems to be heartily sorry for his offence would
 be something favourable to him in remitting some part
 of his Imprisonment but however that this peti-
 tion be not accepted of without further discovery upon
 Oath for that the offence seems to be against the Gov^t
 as well as his Excellency & ought by the Petitioners to
 have been so expressed in his petition

Therefore advised that unless the said Sty do
 make a full & satisfactory discovery & deliver up all pa-
 pers & ask the Courts pardon for his reflections on them
 & especially Captain Mills the Judgment be put in
 Execution & that he be Imprisoned but that he be acquain-
 ted with the result of this Board & that upon conforming