

The following Remonstrance and Letters being laid before this Board and the Board being informed that Copies of the said Letters were delivered to the said Charles Carroll and Rachel Denton; It is their Opinion, that the same together with the Order of Council of the 11th of October last, be Printed, that the Country may be fully apprized of every thing that has Passed relating to the Applications for Copies of any papers out of the publick Offices

To his Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq. Governor of Maryland

The Remonstrance of Charles Carroll, Rachel Denton, Edward Sprigg, Turnor Wootton, Osborn Sprigg, and John Magnuder, Members of the House of Delegates of the said Province appointed to take Copies of Records, and transmit the same to Great Britain &c.

May it please your Excellency

We are really concerned that any Act supposed to be Ours, should give Offence, being what by all means we desire to avoid

Observing a Letter from Mr. Stephen Bordley to Mr. William Ghifelin dated 19 June, 1739. made part of the proceedings of Council, as if the same had been from us, or by our Order, obliges us to presume to set that matter in its proper light to your Excellency

That the said Letter was not wrote or sent by our Order, or with our Knowledge we hope the paper hereto annexed signed by Mr. Bordley, will satisfy your Excellency in that point, as likewise that no Use was made of the Key of the Assembly Office

If your Excellency shall be pleased to permit that Mr. William Ghifelin be examined as to the Circumstances attending that Affair, we humbly presume to say he will declare to the same Effect, as we doubt not his Veracity

We humbly hope that no Transaction of ours, executed by Virtue of any Order of the House of Delegates, will bear being interpreted in any wise to Command any persons whatever, or in the least to oppose Government.

With Regard to the Denomination of Committee, which seems to have given Offence we humbly conceive it to be but a Term, & imports no more than Agents, Commissioners or Managers, and without some Persons to act the end, which is allowed to be lawful, cannot be attained to wit, the addressing the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, or if