

Lib. W. H. p. 547
 Generall Is that we first render thanks & praise to the Almighty for that it hath pleased the Divine Goodness thus to Bless us in this (I hope) so good and happy a meeting, nor ought we to be Strangers to the End and Duty for which the Divine Providence hath Ordered us thus to meet, I say Providence hath Ordered, for that there is no power but of God and the Power by which we are Assembled here is undoubtedly Derived from God, to the King, and from the King to his Excellency the Lord Proprietary and from his said Lordship to Us, the power therefore whereof I speak being as said

First In God and from God

Secondly In the King and from the King

Thirdly In his Lordship and from his Lordship

Fourthly In Us, so the End and duty of, and for which this Assembly is now Called and met is that from those four heads to witt,

of God

The King

Our Lord

and Selves

} We Consider, and first

of Our Duty in Referrence to God

That is to say that part of Our duty to God which properly Lyeth before us and that I humbly conceive Consists in the well Ordering and making of Good and wholesome Laws whereby to punish all publick and Scandalous Offences which shall at any time be Committed by the People of or within this Province against the Divine Majesty, But more especially I Commend to your Care the Utter Suppressing and Abolishing of the several hainous and habitual Crimes now most in Mode and use amongst the People as Drunkenness, Adultry, Swearing, Sabboth breaking &c.

Drunkenness Gentlemen that beastly Sin (to the shame of the Guilty be it Spoken) is but too Common among the People of this Province to the utter Ruin not only of their souls, For that Drunkards shall not Inherit the Kingdom of God, But also of them their Children and families against whom God by his Prophet Isaiah pronounceth Woe Saying Woe to the Drunkards of Ephraim etc. Ought not we then to fear and tremble least God in like manner should (according to Our Deserts) Pronounce Woe to the Drunkards of Maryland it being Doubtless a Sin of all Sins the most Dangerous for not Content in itself it Strangely leads us into (almost) all manner of Sin and Vice depriving us not only of God but even of Ourselves, for it basely unmans us to that Degree that it makes us become greater Beasts than Beasts themselves, So Shamefull it is to see Doggs have more Sense than their Masters and horses more understanding than their Riders.