

U. H. J. Consideration and this I Propose from my Tender Regard for the good of this pvince which I shall always have at Heart and am even Careful least you should Hurt your Selves thô by your Own Consent And what will Posterity and Strangers say when they are Informed the Warr you make on these Little Animalls has Cost this Country by a Modest Computation in One year 7000 pound Sterling.

When I reflect on the Happy Increase of the Youths in this pvince and the Vast importation of Europeans and negroes into it yet that the number of your Taxables do not Amount to what it might be reasonably Expected from these Causes it is naturall from hence to Conclude that there are not Just returns made to the Publick this is worthy Your Inquisition And in my Opinion there Cannot be too severe Penalties Imposed on such who will fully Conceal there Taxables and so Defraud the Publick whereas all that Receive Protection from your Laws Ought to bear an Equall Proportion of that Charge w^{ch} is Levied for the Comon Good.

p. 12 Gent. I have after my Accustomed Method laid before You the Intention and End of y^r meeting and what I have Offered is in the Sincerity of my Heart Proposed for y^r Wellfare.

But as you are I thank God a Free People so may accept or Refuse what I Now Deliver to you as you shall find it for the Conveniency or Inconveniency of your Country

John Hart

p. 13 After which the Gentlemen of the Lower House withdrew M^r John Rousby and M^r Philip Lee acquaint this House that they have made Choice of Michael Jenifer Gent. to be their Clerk and Accordingly Present him to be sworn.

Thereupon the said Michael Jenifer qualifyes himself by takeing the severall Oaths Appointed by Act of Assembly to be taken to the Governm^t And the Usual Oath of Clerk of the Lower House, and withdraws

His Excellency Acquaints this House that by their Lordships Comands he lays before them their Lordships Answer to the Address from both Houses last Sessions, Which is as follows

Baltimore} Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of
Guilford } Assembly

The Dispatch given to the Publick Affairs in your last Sessions, And the unanimous Concern you have Shewn for the Just Authority of our Courts, And the Persons of our
p. 14 Ministers is most gratefull to us. And you have thereby not