

only manifested the Satisfaction you take in our Dominion U. H. J.  
over you but in some measure added Strength to the Liberties and Properties of those you Represent, The Good People of Maryland. Therefore we think that the Generall Part of the Act Entituled An Act for the better Supporting the Magistrates in the Administration of Justice within this Province and for the Disabling Thomas Macnemara Esq<sup>r</sup> to practice the Laws therein very necessary. But forasmuch as we find Tacked to it a Clause against a Particular Person without hearing the Party, which is the undoubted Right of every one of his Majesty's Subjects, we are obliged to dissent to the said Act; And We hereby Declare the same to be Null Void and of no Effect

Laws made against persons *ex post facto* have been Rarely passed in England but always Esteemed severe and We hope such a Generall Act may be made as will so Effectually Reach all particular Persons for the future that there may be no more Occasion to have Resort to the like Extraordinary means.

We are much concerned to hear that Rigorous & Oppressive Suits Contrary to your Laws have been Carryed on against any the Inhabitants of this Province, But we have had such great Experience of the wisdom and Justice of the Administration under his Majesty in all its parts that we are sure such Proceedings Can never be Incouraged, And that they may be Rightly Represented, We have taken an Opportunity to lay your Representation thereof before the Commissioners of his Majestys Customes p. 15

Gent. As you have known us so long you may make a very good Judgment from our Actions That we have nothing more at Heart than the Protestant Establishment with a Tender Compassion to Consciences Truly Scrupulous Dissenting from it,

Therefore let no Imaginations or the Suggestions of Evil minded men, who neither Regard your Prosperity or our Authority make you Apprehend that any Endeavours either publick or Private Can have the least Influence on the Confidence Established between your Lord & Proprietary and his Great Council Convened in General Assembly

Thereupon his Excellency sends it to the Lower House with the following Message Viz.

M<sup>r</sup> Speaker. I Desire you will Acquaint the House the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> my Lords Baltimore & Guilford have Comanded me to lay their Lordships Answer to the Address of the last Assembly, before the first meeting of an Assembly, which