

M<sup>r</sup> Speaker with the rest of the house having waited on L. H. J. his Excy in the Councill returns and Says that his Ex<sup>cy</sup> was pleased to make the following Speech in the names of the right honble the Lords Baltmore and Guilford. Viz.

Baltmore } Gent: of the Upper and lower Houses of  
 Guilford } Assembly.

We take this Opportunity to make known to you We have approved and confirmed all those Laws transmitted to us which were made ready for our Assent at a Session of Assembly begun and held at our City of Annapolis the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July in the first year of Our Dominion Except th<sup>t</sup> laying an Additionall Duty of four pounds p poll on the King's Protestants as well as other his Maj<sup>ty's</sup> Subjects of the Kingdom of Ireland to which We have dissented And except the Act Ascertainning the Gauge & Tare of Tobacco hh<sup>ds</sup> &c. whereby our own Revenue and the Support of our Government are Provided for, which still lyes before us for our further Consideracon.

As we Cannot enough Comēd the loyalty and Zeal you have shewn for his Maj<sup>ty</sup> and the Succession in the illustrious House of Hannover, so none of those Laws to which We have Assented met with a more ready Confirmacōn than that which Makes it penall for men to act in Employment without taking the Oaths to our dread Sovereign King George, whereby Protestants and Papists may clearly percieve th<sup>t</sup> your Lord and Prop<sup>ty</sup> is not as has been malitiously suggested by Some a Papist in Masquerade but a true Protestant of the Church of England in which Faith he is resolved to live and die.

Gent. We have at heart the Wellfare and Prosperity of the People of this Province equall to that of our own and are determined never to do anything that may Seperate that Union which may tend so much to the comon good an early Instance hereof We manifested when we directed Cap<sup>t</sup> Hart to lay before you on what Condicons we were willing to give up our Quit Rents and Alienacōn fines a Condescention which nothing but the good and relief of the Poorer And more numerous Part of our People could have prevailed with us to have consented to And having done so much on our Part for the ease and benefit of our People, We are surprized to find that you should rather Choose to give the Mony which is Appropriated to the Support of our Government to the only use of our Deputy for the Time being rather than our own, w<sup>ch</sup> with our Hon<sup>r</sup> We never can consent to.

We have therefore Instructed our L<sup>t</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> once more to lay before you on what Conditions We are still willing to part