

U. H. J. them to Attend him in the Councill Chamber and present their Speaker for his approbation.

They Return and say they have Delivered their Message

The whole House accordingly attend and present Robert Ungle Esq<sup>r</sup> for their Speaker with which Choice his Hon<sup>r</sup> declares himself well pleased.

Whereupon His Hon<sup>r</sup> the Governour Delivers himself to them as follows viz.

Gentlemen. His Lordship the Lord Proprietary directed me to Communicate his Speech to you which you are to take as from his own mouth.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly

C. Baltimore As I have always Declared the publick good of my Province should be the Rule of my Government the Good Effects whereof I Perswade myself you have found some Instances of since I came to my Dominion over you, so I am Determined ever to Persist in the same Resolution notwithstanding any late Expressions of mine, or mistaken Constructions put on them.

p. 3 Gentlemen of the Lower House

That the People of Maryland are his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Subjects, I never yet heard any one so wild to deny, and cannot find out from any thing in my Instruction set forth in your Address which could Induce you to take so much Pains to prove it, any more than I can see a foundation for Your Resolutions concerning his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Title to this Province; under whom by Vertue of my charter I hold, within the Bounds whereof I shall always Rule;

No Doubt Gentlemen as you observe, we of Maryland are in the Circumstances of Conquerors, rather than the Conquer'd which has put it in our power to treat the native Indians with that Tenderness & Humanity, they have so often met with, Actions worthy Englishmen and Real Conquerors

Many Debates, if I am rightly Informed have been in former Assemblys whether the Statutes of England did Extend to you or no, without either House coming to Resolutions thereon, and the most Common received opinions of the best Lawyers of England have been against it, and several Adjudged Cases Support those Opinions as in particular the Habeas Corpus Act has been often Adjudged by all the Judges not to extend either to Ireland or the Plantations; which is as Strong A Case as can be mentioned as it is in favour of