

Sent by Col^o M. T. Ward who returns and says he De- U. H. J. livered it

M^r Hamilton and M^r Scott from the Lower House attend with M^r Roger Mathews a member Elected for Baltemore County in the stead of M^r Sheredine who was not duely Elected to see him Qualified.

Whereupon the said Mathews took the severall Oaths ^{p. 7} appointed by Act of Assembly and Subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and Test according to the Direction of the said Act and withdrew.

Col^o Holland and the rest of the members of this House present to his Honour the Governour their answer to his Speech to both Houses of Assembly in the Councill Chamber at the Opening of the Sessions which Answer is as follows viz.

To His Excellency Charles Calvert Esq^r Governor of Maryland

The humble Address of the Upper House of Assembly
May it please your Honour

The Sorrow you have been pleased to Express in your favourable Speech to both Houses of Assembly at the Opening this Session for the present Inconveniency of calling an Assembly at this unseasonable time of the year is very acceptable to us giving us a new Assurance of Your Continued resolution to Consult the welfare of this province, for which we return our most hearty thanks.

And altho we are much Concern'd for the publick Charge that must accrue, as well as for the personal fatigue of each member in both Houses Occasioned by conveneing this Assembly yet it is a Matter of some Consolation to us, to find that the Gentlemen Attorneys begin to be so nicely Scrupulous about the Oath they are required to take as a necessary Introduction to the practice of the Law, which we hope will be a means to Oblige them to a Serious Consideration & Strict Observation of that Oath if ever hereafter they shall think fit to take it.

And we are humbly of Opinion that if those Gentlemen had ^{p. 8} always heretofore with the same Care Conscientiously Considered the Oath they took as Practitioners of the Law, without mentall Evasions and secret reservacons for quieting their own Consciences and Oppressing the good people of this province, there had been no occasion for calling an Assembly at this time; or to form the Oath which they refuse to take, and between which and the former Oath we cannot Conceive