

M^r Dulany from the Committee of Laws brings in the Address in L. H. J. Answer to the Governours Speech, Engrossed which being read is Approved of and is in the words following.

To His Excellency Benedict Leonard Calvert Gov^r of Maryland.
The Humble Address of the Lower House of Assembly

May it Please your Excellency.

We his Majestys most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Representatives of the freemen of Maryland in Assembly Convened, return your Excellency our Unfeigned thanks for your kind Speech at the Opening of this Session

We are truly Sorry that your want of health should Oblige you to Leave the Province and we very Sincerely hope for a full recovery and Long Continuance of it, as being in Justice & Gratitude Obliged to wish all felicity & to have the Greatest Affection for a Governour who has by his Actions Demonstrated the Sincerity of his professions as you have Allway done, And who in so Obliging a Manner as you have been Pleased to Express yourself in, has Given us fresh Assurances of having the Welfare of our Count[r]y very much at heart.

We Concur in Opinion with your Excellency that the use as well as Credit of Laws principally depend on the Carefull Penning of them; And we are Determined to use our Utmost Endeavours to Render such Laws as shall be Past as plain and Intelligible as may be; to the End, that those who are to Govern themselves by them may know how to behave themselves and be without Excuse should they Transgress.

We also take into Consideration the Laws Particularly recomended to us by your Excellency and Endeavours so to Explain them, as to remove the Doubts & objections to which they may now be Liable.

We are Obliged to your Excellency for recommending in so handsome a Manner as you have, Calmness & Moderation, which are so Very Necessary to bring our Consultations to an happy Issue & Crown our Endeavours to serve our Country with Success, And we hope to prove by our Conduct that your Excellency's Recommendation has the weight with us that it Deserves, and that we are not Actuated by any selfish or Private Views.

We Acknowledge with the Deepest Sense of Gratitude, the kind & Generous Assurances you have been Pleased to give us, that your Excellencys best Endeavours shall not be wanting in England, upon any occasion, wherein you may be Serviceable to the people of Maryland & as you have resided Several Years Among us, so you are very Sensible of the sad Circumstances of our Country and how much it stands in need of all the Assistance and friendly Offices we can hope for; And we trust that your Excellency will Contribute your