

U. H. J.

Eodem Die post Meridiem.

This House met again According to Adjournm<sup>t</sup>

Present as in the Morning

The Honourable Charles Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> Attended by the rest of the Members of this House wait upon His Excellency the Governour, and present to him their Answer to His most favourable Speech to both Houses of Assembly att the opening of the Session.

- p. 108 To His Excellency Benedict Leonard Calvert Governour and Commander in Chief in and Over the Province of Maryland. The Humble Address of the Upper House of Assembly.

May it please Your Excellency.

The fervent Zeale you have ever Shewn for the welfare of this Province Especially in your kind Speech at the Opening of this Session calls Loudly on us to acknowledge the gratefull sence we have of your good will and repeated favours to the good People thereof; and as your Excellency hath frequently warned us of the sad and Calamitous State of our Declining Staple and Exhorted us Seriously to consider of proper meanes to avert the impending Evils by an Application of Suitable remedies; We should surely be guilty of the greatest Neglect, Did we not Chearfully Embrace, and make the best use of this favourable Opportunity you have been pleased to give us, of deliberating the best meanes of amending the value of Our Staple; And therefore we Humbly take leave to Assure your Excellency we are resolved most Seriously to set about this great work; the Consequence whereof may be of so much concern to the welfare and Advantage of the good People of Maryland.

- p. 109 The two Queries your Excellency hath Communicated to this House which you have received from the Lords Commissioners of Trade and Plantations in Relation to Our Trade Manufactures and Naturall product we shall be most willing and ready on our parts to give your Excellency the best Information therein our Abilities can furnish us with.

It is with much concern we have received your Excellencys Intimation of leaving this Province in regard we are certain thereby to be deprived of the Happiness we have hitherto Enjoyed under the Influence of your Just and prudent Administration; And we hope our Actions will be so guided with prudence Justice and good Nature in the Consideration of all publick Affairs, as may Enable Your Excellency to make such a Representation thereof as may not only be satisfactory to our Superiors, but Advantagious to the People of Maryland.

The Loyalty we have always shewn to the Kings most Gracious Majestie; The dutifull Zeal and regard for the safety & prosperity of His Lordships person & Government, (We doubt not are recent in the Memory of your Excellency and the good People of this Prov-