

They return and acquaint Mr Speaker they see him qualified in the usual manner L. H. J.
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The Gentleman took his place in the House

Col^o Hammond from the Upper House delivers Mr Speaker the following Message (See page 509.)

Mr Speaker communicated to the House the following Answer from his Excellency to the Address of this House Viz. (See page 513.)

Ordered that the Clerk of this House Enter the several Accounts of the Commissioners or Trustees of the Paper Currency residing in England as they are transmitted and that he be allowed a reasonable Satisfaction for the same p. 131

The Address to his most Excellent Majesty having been Ordered to be Entred on the Journal, was as followeth (viz.)

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty in Council

The Address and Petition of the House of Delegates of the Freemen of the Province of Maryland in General Assembly Convened

Most humbly Sheweth

That your Majestys Faithful and Loyal Subjects the Inhabitants of the Province of Maryland daily suffer many Aggrievances Extortions and Oppressions under the Proprietary Government of the Right Honourable the Lord Baron of Baltimore his Governor Ministers and Officers that our Rights as British Subjects are Invaded by having Taxes laid upon Us without any Law and Ordinances made by Our Proprietary or his Governor with the Advice of a Council of his own Choosing and who share in the Spoils of the People by holding the Principal Offices in the Government Imposed on us as Laws that ever since the Year Seventeen hundred and thirty three his Lordships Officers have by his directions Levied and still Continue to Levy a Tax of twelve Pence Sterling on every Hogshead of Tobacco exported out this Province without any Law that we know either of this Province or Great Britain for their so doing which Money amounting in the whole to a very large Sum his Lordship receives and converts to his own Use p. 132

That he also unlawfully exacts and takes a Tax of Fourteen Pence for every Ton of Burthen of all Vessels Trading in or to this Province and not properly belonging thereto and the same also applys to his own use which greatly affects the Trade and Interest as well of Your Majestys Subjects of Maryland as those of Great Britain and other Colonies trading into this Province

That his Lordship or his Governor in his Absence with the Advice of his Council take upon themselves Arbitrarily to Settle and Assess the Fees in the Courts of Justice and other Publick Offices of the Government by Way of Proclamation and refuse to Consent to any