

We beg leave in the most humble manner to assure your Majesty that none of your Subjects are more Peaceably disposed or more firmly attached to your Royal Person and Government than the Inhabitants of the Province of Maryland and that none of Your Majestys Colonies in America would become more useful to Our Mother Country were We not Dispirited and Impoverished by being deprived of the Rights and Priviledges of British Subjects and that We have at all times been and still are ready and willing in a legal manner to grant and raise such Supplies as are necessary for the Honourable Support of the Government and Defence and Preservation of the Province so far forth as our Circumstances will admit of.

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May it therefore please your Majesty to take the Complaint of Your Dutiful Subjects into Your Royal Consideration and upon due Proof made of the Facts contained to Order and Direct for Our Relief therein as to your Majesty in your Royal Wisdom and Goodness shall seem most just & Reasonable

And Your Faithful Subjects and Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall ever pray &c^a

May 9th 1740

On behalf of the House of Delegates of the Province of Maryl^d
Signed p Order

Philip Hammond Speaker

The House Adjourns to the Morrow Morning at nine of the Clock

Thursday Morning June 5, 1740

June 5

The House met according to Adjournment &c^a

M^r Speaker communicated to the House the following Answer from the Governor to the Address of this House presented yesterday (See page 515.)

The House Resolved, that the Upper House keeping before them the Bills sent from this House, longer than the usual and reasonable time upon any Pretence whatsoever is a dangerous Innovation introductive of many Inconveniences, and of altering the usual method of Proceeding in Assemblies; and that threatning this House with the fall of all those Laws usually Revived and Re-enacted in which the Publick Utility and Benefit of the Inhabitants are so essentially concerned till this House comply with their unreasonable demands is using compulsory means with this House to give up the Rights and Priviledges of the People and tends to the making themselves Absolute, and the Delegates of the People Useless

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The House Adjourns to two of the Clock in the Afternoon