

fare. And you may be well assured, I shall not fail to advance, to the utmost of my Power, the united Interests of His Majesty, the Lord Proprietary, and the Good People of *Maryland*.

The next Day the Address of the Lower House, being prepar'd, (by a Committee appointed) was agreed to by the House, and presented to His Excellency, by Daniel Dulany, Esq; Mr. Key, Mr. Samuel Hanson, Mr. Magruder, Mr. Crabb, John Beale, Esq; Col. Fendall, Mr. Joshua George, Edmund Jennings, Esq; and Col. Joseph Belt; and is as follows:

May it please your Honour,

WE, His Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Freemen of *Maryland*, return your Honour our humble and hearty Thanks for your kind Speech at the Opening of this Session, and for recommending Loyalty, Moderation and Justice to us, in so handsome a Manner; which a Sense of our Duty, as well as your Honour's Recommendation, will (we hope) incite us to pursue.

AS the Act for *ascertaining the Gauge and Tare of Tobacco-Hogsheads*, mention'd by your Honour, is near Expiration, and that *that* Act, or any such, is of great Consequence to the People we represent, we shall consider it in the best Manner we are capable of, and do therein what we shall find most advantageous to them, as well as most just to the Lord Proprietary.

WE agree with your Honour, that a Certainty in Matters of Property, and a speedy Decision of Controversies, are very desirable; and we will endeavour to provide against the Inconvenience your Honour mentions, in the Act concerning Appeals, as well as explain (to the best of our Understanding) such other Laws as shall appear to us to be ambiguously or imperfectly express'd; for, as your Honour justly observes, consulting cautiously how to make Laws, without being careful in Penning them, will avail little.

WE will make the best Provision we can, to secure the publick Records from Accidents, and use our utmost Endeavours to acquit ourselves in the Service of our Country, as becomes Loyal Subjects, and Honest Men.

Sign'd per Order of the House,

JOHN MACKALL, Speaker.

July 11, 1729.

To which His Excellency was pleas'd to send the following ANSWER.

Gentlemen,

I Have received great Satisfaction from your very obliging Address; it affords me the pleasing View of an happy Issue to your Consultations. I return you my Thanks for the kind Expressions of the Senje, wherewith you received what I delivered to your Consideration, which, when brought to Maturity by your Knowledge and Zeal in the publick Interest, will, I doubt not, effectually promote continued Ease and Felicity to the good People of this Province.

BENEDICT LEONARD CALVERT.

The same Day, the Upper House presented their Address to his Excellency, which is as follows:

May it please your Excellency,

AS it is not to be doubted but the Publick Good of all *British* Colonies, more especially with Regard to their Proceedings in Legislation, is best carried on, and most successfully propagated, when Loyalty, Moderation, and Justice, are allowed to be the Basis of their most weighty Considerations; We therefore, the Members of the Upper House of Assembly, in a just Sense of your Excellency's Goodness, acknowledge it to be a convincing Evidence of your great Concern and tender Regard for the Prosperity of this Province, that you have been pleas'd, upon the Opening of this Session, to recommend the Practice of Virtues so eminently perspicuous in themselves, and so universally approv'd of, for the Attainment of all those good Ends and Purposes, to which this present Meeting in Assembly is particularly design'd.

AND we do with a great deal of Pleasure assure your Excellency, that we, His Lordship's faithful Tenants, who have the Honour to sit in this House, are fully resolv'd to confine our selves to those Paths in your Excellency's kind Speech pointed out to us; and that we will endeavour to make right Reason, and a calm Reflection upon Things, the Standard of all our Proceedings.

YOUR Excellency's Proposal of a Limitation in Time, to Suits in Appeals from the Court of *Chancery*, and also of the Necessity