

THE Satisfaction You are pleas'd to express, at Your Reception in this Province, affords Us the greatest Joy, and encourages Us to persist in Our Loyalty to Our Sovereign, Our Duty to Our Lord Proprietary, and You their favourable and worthy Representative, whereby We hope we shall be so fortunate as to preserve Your Esteem.

THE Honour and Service of Almighty GOD, and his Holy Religion, is what We have the greatest Inclination to promote; and doubt not but, with Your Honour's Assistance, We shall find Ways to encourage as well the Clergy as the Laity, to be more Exemplary in their Lives and Conversations, than they now are.

THE Improvement of Our Staple, has often been attempted, tho' with little Success; but since Your Honour is pleas'd to recommend it now to Us, We shall, in that and the other Things taken Notice of in Your Speech, exert Our selves to advance the real Interest of Our Lord Proprietor and Country.

THE kind Caution You gave, concerning Our Publick Records, is what We shall always gratefully remember; and take Care to have the Records so far separated, that both the Old and New may not be subjected to Loss by one Fire, or other fatal Accident.

We acknowledge our selves to be very much obliged to Your Honour, for so earnestly recommending to Us the Pursuit of our real Interest, and avoiding Strife and Contention: And We assure Your Honour, We will follow the wholesome Advice given Us therein, as well as discountenance (to the utmost of our Power,) such as would create Misunderstandings and Differences, between the Lord Proprietor and the People, being convinc'd that such are not Friends to either, let their Pretences be what they will.

We confess, that his Lordship has frequently declared his having the Good of the Province at Heart, and that he was resolv'd to support the People in their just Rights and Priviledges; and We question not the sincerity of his Lordship's Intentions: Yet We cannot but with Grief observe, That such is the Power of the Enemies of our Constitution and Happiness, with his Lordship, that his most generous and best Inclinations towards us, have been frustrated by their malignant Influence and pernicious Counsels. This, May it please Your Honour, is a melancholly Truth, and too manifestly proved by his Lordship's Dissent to the Law prescribing the Oath of Judge, within this Province, and the attempting to deprive Us of the Benefit of the English Statutes, tho' essential to the very Being of our Liberties and Properties. Should We pass these Things unregarded, or omit any Thing in our Power to transmit to Posterity the same Liberties We derive from the Laws of Our Mother-Country, and the ancient Rights of British Subjects, it would be an Infatuation indeed, and such a Breach of Our Duty, and Treachery to those We represent, as would make Our Names and Memory odious, and entail Infamy, as well as Misery upon our Descendants. But We purpose (by the Divine Permission,) to avoid these Evils, by a faithful and resolute Discharge of our Duty, in supporting his Lordship's just Prerogatives, and Our just Rights; and confounding (as much as in Us lies) the Machinations and Artifices of the Enemies of Both.

To which the Governour was pleas'd to make the following Answer.

Gentlemen,

Nothing can be more pleasing to Me, than your Approbation of My Words and Actions, which I find by your Address, I have hitherto obtain'd; My sincerest Thanks attend you, for this early Intercession of your favourable Opinion of Me; and you may be always assured of My Esteem, whilst you persist in your Loyalty to your Sovereign, and your Duty to your Lord Proprietary.

Benedict Leonard Calvert.

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,

WE beg Leave, in the humblest Manner, to return your Excellency our most hearty Thanks, for your favourable Speech to both Houses, at the Opening of this Session of Assembly, wherein You have been pleas'd to use such pathetick Expressions, in condoling with us, the unparalleled Loss we have sustained by the Death of the best of Kings, our late renowned Sovereign of happy Memory, as have again revived the great Grief we had before conceiv'd upon that most melancholly Occasion; and which, indeed, would have been insupportable, had it not been alleviated by the happy Accession of his Royal Successor, our present most gracious King George the Second, to the Throne of the British Dominions, in whom we doubt not but all the numerous Virtues of his most glorious Father are inherent, and will most effectually operate for the Preservation of the Lives and Religion, Liberties and Properties of all the Subjects of Great-Britain, whereby that Imperial Kingdom will acquire a superior Influence over all the neighbouring Nations. We gratefully accept your Excellency's Congratulation upon these our happy Circumstances, and with joyful Hearts join in fixing our Thoughts upon the pleasing Prospect of a lasting Continuance of these inestimable Blessings to the latest Posterity, under the Government and Protection of a numerous Successor in his Majesty's Royal Family.