

May it please
your Honours

By the Lower house of Assembly —

April the 22 1720 —

We are not a little surprized at his Majesty's Proviso
& your Honours Concurrence in proposing to this house an Address to
his Sacred Majesty at a Juncture of time when we might reasonably
have expected to have returned to our Families in order to consult their
Well fare having been long detained here wth out being able to do
any great Service to our Countrey & many of our members sick &
absent & as we enjoy what we may or can reasonably desire
& having frequently set forth our great Satisfaction wth the protection
of the best of Kings & having nothing to ask of his Majesty as we
can perceive at this Time I desire to be Excused —

Signed & order M^r. Teniser C^o Lo: House —
and sent to the upper house by M^r Lee and five others —

They returne say they Delivered it —
The following Address being prepared was ordered to be Entered —
as follows Vizt, To the Right Hon^{ble} Charles
absolute Lord & Proprietor of the Provinces of Maryland & Avalon
Lord Baron of Baltimore &c to the right Hon^{ble} Francis —
Lord Guilford —

The Humble Address of your
Lordships unto the Lower houses of Assembly of Maryland —
May it please your Lordships —

We take our selves to be under y^e Dearest sense of
gratitude for your L^{ty}s most acceptable Speech transmitted to
us this Session which we shall duly regard —
Your Lordships reasons for regulation of y^e Law ~~in relation to~~ an Act
ascertaining the bounds of Lands are too agreeable to y^e Experience
we have had of that Law to fail of a perfect Conviction of the
Necessity of it but the Law is of so great Importance that it requires
the most mature Deliberation to Concert the proper Alterations —
& therefore we begg Leave to defer such Amendments till the next
Sessions when we Doubt not all due regard will be paid to your
Lordships favourable Intimations, We think our selves obliged
as near as may be to follow the Example of great Britain in all our
Parliamentary proceedings & acknowledge your L^{ty}s great favour
in supplying us with the practice thereof in respect to y^e said Act —
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