

Currency ; if it be reduc'd to a Certainty, and out of either's Choice, the Objection now rais'd will cease.

Gentlemen, I have nothing more to offer, except I have Occasion given in the Course of the Proceedings of this Sessions : And shall conclude with recommending Dispatch, that the Country may be at as little Charge as possible.

And I must further recommend, in order to put this Law mention'd upon as equal a Footing of Justice as possible, That no general or special Retainers be suffered; and that whoever applies First to an Attorney, that Attorney shall be obliged to undertake his Cause, or not be concern'd on the other Side. This may create some Cavils, and the Attorney may say he will not be concern'd for the Person applying, because his Cause seems unjust; but this Objection is easily answer'd; for certainly one Side must be in the Wrong; and I am apt to think that Those who are Well-Wishers to this Law will be thought so by the Practitioners; therefore I recommend this to your Consideration.

And as I am determin'd to support this Law, (which is the best that ever was Enacted for the Relief of the Inhabitants of this Province) I must further recommend, That the Attorneys have a Day set to qualify; that the Country may know what Lawyers will, and who will not conform to the Laws of the Country.

Charles Calvert.

The Answer to his Honour the Governour's Speech being prepared by the Committee of Laws, was read and approved of, and ordered to be entered as follows, *viz.*

To the Honourable Charles Calvert, Esq; Governour of MARYLAND.

The humble Address of the House of Delegates.

May it please your Honours,

WE are fully convinced, not only from the Concern your Honour hath express'd in your SPEECH at the opening of this Session, but likewise from the whole Course of your Conduct ever since you have presided over us, with what Regret it must be to your Honour to call an Assembly at this unseasonable Time of the Year: But, since the Welfare of this Province requires it, we shall proceed with the greatest Candor and Expedition we are capable of, to consider of the several Particulars your Honour hath been pleas'd so earnestly to recommend to our Consideration, in Relation to the Gentlemen of the Law; and shall, on our Part, as much as in us lies, endeavour to form such a new Bill, in Relation to those Gentlemen, as may not be liable to the Objections made by them against the present Act.

And if in the Course of the Proceedings of this Session, any other Matter or Thing shall be found absolutely needful at this present Juncture, to be done, for the Welfare of the Inhabitants of this Province, we shall Exert ourselves with the like Application, for the speedy Dispatch thereof; so as to bring this Session to a Conclusion, with the least Charge that may be, to the Publick.

Sign'd by Order of the House, R. Ungle, Speaker.

March 16, 1725-6.

Which was sent to his Honour the Governour by Mr. Stoddert, and Seven others. They return, and say they delivered it.

Mr.