

*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.

Which being read twice, was unanimously approv'd of by the House, and Order'd, That *Daniel Dulany*, Esq; employ some Perion to engross the same.

*John Hall*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Petition of *Christopher Gardiner*, of *Baltimore* County, indors'd thus:

*By the Lower House of Assembly, July 11, 1729.*

Read and refer'd to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly.

Sign'd per Order, *John Ross*, Cl. Up. Ho.

Order'd, That *Mr. Parks* print the Proceedings of this House, on the same Terms as he did last Session.

*Mr. Joshua George*, a Representative for *Cecil* County, appears in the House this Day.

*Mr. Philip Kennard*, *Mr. George Wilson*, and *Capt. Ebenezer Blackstone*, Three of the Representatives of *Kent* County, appear in the House this Day.

*Mr. Roger Matthews*, a Representative of *Baltimore* County, appears in the House this Day.

The Petition of *Christopher Gardiner*, referred here from the Upper House, was read and rejected.

*Daniel Dulany*, Esq; brings into the House, the Address to the Governour ingross'd; which being read, is approv'd; and the Speaker, by Order of the House, sign'd the same. Whereupon *John Beale*, Esq; and *Capt. Robert Gordon*, are order'd to go and acquaint the Governour, that this House hath prepared an Address to his Speech, and is desirous to know if he is at Leisure to receive the same: They return, and acquaint the House with the Delivery of their Message; and that the Governour would be ready to receive the same in half an Hour. Accordingly the following Gentlemen are order'd to present the same to the Governour, viz. *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*; who return and say they deliver'd the same.

The House adjourns 'till To-morrow Morning, at Eight of the Clock.

**BY** Order of the Lower of Assembly, I do authorize and appoint *William Parks* to print the Votes and Proceedings of the said House,

JOHN MACKALL, Speaker.