

*Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,*

I AM glad of this Opportunity of Meeting the good People of *Maryland*, My faithful Tenants, Legislatively Assembled.

THE bad State of our Trade for some Years past, hath laid this Province under the greatest Difficulties; and tho' many Expedients have been tried, and the Evil not totally removed, yet I doubt not, but by your prudent and joint Councils, you will be able to compleat a Work so much to your Honour, and the Good of the People you represent.

IT is not a little Concern to Me, That I am obliged to put you in Mind of the ill State of the Goals of this Province; and I make no Doubt, you will take Care to redress so unchristian a Grievance.

SOME Amendments may be made to the Act, *For Regulating of your Militia*; and tho' there seems not any immediate Danger, yet it hath been a Maxim in all wise Governments, to provide against the Worst: Nothing is dearer to *Englishmen*, than their Property; and nothing can so effectually preserve It to you, as being in a Posture to defend this Part of His Majesty's Dominions.

*Gentlemen of both Houses,*

AS the Purpose of My Voyage is to promote the Welfare of this Province, you may be assured, I shall readily concur with you in any Thing that may answer that End: Such our Endeavours will render us acceptable to Our most Gracious Sovereign, whose Paternal Care extends equally to all His Subjects; and under whose happy Influence, Our Mother Country, at present, enjoys the most profound and seeming lasting Peace.

Mr. Speaker, and the rest of the Members of this House return. Mr. Speaker re-assum'd the Chair.

Mr. *Moses Adney*, late Door-keeper of this House, being dead, the House unanimously appoint Mr. *Thomas Reynolds* to succeed him in that Place.

Mr. *Gordon* acquaints Mr. Speaker, that according to Order, he had qualified Mr. *Thomas Reynolds*, as Door-keeper, by administering the several Oaths required by Act of Parliament, the Oath of Office, and by his signing the Test in his Presence.

The following Message:

*By the Lower House of Assembly, March 13, 1732.*

*May it please your Honours,*

This House hath *Resolv'd*, That the Hours of Sitting, for Dispatch of Publick Business, during this Session, be from Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon, until Four of the Clock in the Afternoon; and desire to know if the Time propos'd, be agreeable to your House.

*Sign'd per Order, M. Macnemara, Cl. Lo. Ho.*

Sent to the Upper House, by Mr. *Warfield*, and Mr. *Hammond*.

*Edmund Fenings*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivered to Mr. Speaker, the following Message:

*Gentlemen,* *By the Upper House of Assembly, 13 March, 1732.*

The Time of Sitting, for Dispatch of the Publick Business, as propos'd in your Message, by Mr. *Warfield*, and Mr. *Hammond*, is agreeable to this House.

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

The several Committees appointed last Session, are continued this Session. The House adjourns until To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

*Wednesday,*