

Wednesday, March, 14, 1732.

THE House met according to Adjournment. Capt. *Elliot*, a Representative of *Queen-Anne's* County, appeared in the House this Morning.

Mr. *Warfield* is Order'd to acquaint Mr. *Humphreys*, to read Divine Service, during this Session, at 7 of the Clock in the Forenoon, and at 4 in the Afternoon.

The Rules of the House observed last Assembly, being read, are agreed to.

The Committee of Laws Order'd to prepare an Address to His Lordship, on His Speech at the Opening this Session.

*George Plater*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivered Mr. Speaker, a Petition from the Inhabitants on the South Side of *Potapscoc*.

Indors'd thus: *By the Upper House of Assembly, 14 March, 1732.*

Read and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly; and that the Owners of the Lands mentioned in the said Petition, have due Notice of this Application.

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

And the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Upper Part of *Anne-Arundel* County.

Indors'd thus: *By the Upper House of Assembly, 14 March, 1732.*

Read and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly; that so much Land as is thought convenient, may be laid out at the Place mentioned in the Petition, to erect Rowling-houses; and that the Owners of the said Land, have due Notice of this Application.

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

Mr. *Dulany*, from the Committee of Laws, brings in an Address to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary; read it in his Place, and delivered it to the Clerk. The Address was in these Words:

*To the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary,*

The Humble ADDRESS of the Lower House of Assembly.

*May it please your Lordship,*

WE His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Freemen of *Maryland*, beg Leave to embrace this (being the first) Opportunity of congratulating Your Lordship, on Your safe Arrival among us; and to assure Your Lordship that nothing could give your Tenants greater Pleasure and Satisfaction than Your Presence.

WE return Your Lordship our most humble and hearty Thanks for Your kind Speech at the Opening of this Session; wherein Your Lordship is pleas'd, as well to express a generous Concern for the great Difficulties which this Province hath labour'd under, occasioned by the unhappy State of its Trade, as to persuade us, by the most forceable Arguments, to endeavour the Removal of the Evils under which our Country has groan'd.

THE Honour of the Legislature, and the Good of the People we represent, are Motives sufficient (if any can be so) to excite us to embrace the present (we hope) happy Opportunity, to establish our Trade