

with the Rest of the Members of this House went to the Upper House where
His Excellency was pleased to Make the following Speech.

Gentlemen of the Upper & Lower Houses of Assembly

I have chose this time of Meeting you in Assembly as a Season
the least inconvenient to your own private Affairs as well as the most healthful
and take this Opportunity of Congratulating you on the favourable Passage and
Happy Arrival of His Lordship and His Excellency in Great Britain.

The Care His Lordship has taken to prevent the Counterfeiting of
Our Paper Money must be still an additional Security to its real Worth -
Which I hope will always keep up the Credit of it against the utmost Efforts
of those who may Endeavour to Depreciate it out of private Views.

Gentlemen of the Lower House

I might be justly thought wanting in my constant Care for the
Safety and well being of this Province if I should not earnestly Recommend to
you the Revival of the Law for the Provision of Arms and Ammunition.

These Arguments which at all times are sufficient to prove the
Necessity of having such a Law always in force were now made stronger by Illness
and Apprehensions of a War and how soon that may be declared none amongst
us can presume to determine.

We can never be too well provided against sudden Emergencies
and I am withheld by my good Opinion of your Prudence from supposing that
the Representatives of Maryland will ever hereafter suffer a sum appropriated
for the Defense and Safety of the Province against the Invasion to come
Especially since no Misapplication can be pretended of the sum already raised
for that purpose; And this must prove a reasonable Assurance that any further
sums will be as carefully preserved as the former for the Service of the Country.

Gentlemen of Both Houses

I hope I need not assure you of my uninterrupted Wishes and
Undevoted for the Honour and Prosperity of this Province and I am willing to
flatter my self that you entertain with mutual Benevolence and good Disposi-
tion towards One another that the only Struggle will be who shall show them-
selves most forward in promoting Unanimity the best way to give Dispatch to
Business and lessen our Publick Expences, At a Point of such Importance to the
Ease and Happiness of the People of Maryland, that I shall always think it well
Worth my greatest Attention.

Mr Speaker and the Rest of the Members of this House returned
Mr Speaker resumed the Chair.
Resolved that the Rules of this House of last Session be Observed this
Session.
Resolved that the Hours of sitting During this Session be from Eight of the
Clock