

IN Answer to the Equivalent you offer me, for my Fines and Quit-Rents, I am very certain, my good Tenants are not thoroughly apprised of the Value of them, or of their Yearly Increase, else I am perswaded they would not have call'd their present Offer an Equivalent; and tho' it affects me, that even the collecting my just Dues, should any way prove inconvenient to my Tenants, yet you will agree with me, that there is some Justice and Equity due to a Landlord, as well as Indulgence to a Tenant; and I should hope, tho' the present Method of collecting the Quit-Rents may not be altogether so agreeable, yet, that Time may reconcile it. I do not mention this, as declaring, that I will not agree to oblige my Tenants in an Equivalent; but then, let it be such a One, as you may with Justice offer, I with Reason receive: And upon the Whole, if any thing makes me prefer any other to the present Method of collecting my Quit-Rents, it will be solely to make it easier to my Tenants; for to me, the present seems the natural One.

Dated at *London*, *January* the Twelfth, 1736-7.

By his Lordship's Order, *William Fanssen*, Secretary.
The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning, Eight o' Clock.

Wednesday Morning, *April* 27, 1737.

THE House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. *Warfield*, a Representative of *Anne-Arundel* County, appeared in the House this Morning. X

Mr. *Edmundson*, and Mr. *Neelles*, Two Representatives of *Talbot* County, appeared this Morning. X

Mr. *Matthews*, a Representative of *Baltimore* County, appeared this Morning. X

The Rules of the House observed last Session, are agreed to be observed this Session.

The several Committees appointed last Session, are continued this Session.

Mr. *Warfield* ordered to acquaint the Rev. Mr. *Humphreys*, he is desired by the Lower House of Assembly to read Divine Service, during this Session, Morning and Evening.

Resolved, That the Hours of Sitting, during this Session, be from Nine of the Clock in the Morning until Twelve, and from Two of the Clock in the Afternoon until Six.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker issue his Warrant, directed to the Secretary, to make out a new Writ of Election, directed to the Sheriff of *Queen-Anne's* County, to elect a new Member to serve in this present Assembly, in the Room of Mr. *William Helmsley*, deceased. X

Mr. *Richard Francis*, and Mr. *Denton*, appointed to prepare an Address to the Governor, on his Speech.

The House adjourns until Two o' Clock in the Afternoon.

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. *Philip Hammond*, a Representative of *Anne-Arundel* County, appeared in the House this Afternoon. X

Mr.