

To his Excellency SAMUEL OGLE, Esq; Governor and
Commander in Chief in and over the Province of *Maryland*.

The humble ADDRESS of the Upper House of Assembly.

May it please your Excellency,

WE are very sensible of the Necessity your Excellency was under, by the Misunderstanding betwixt This and the late Lower House, of Dissolving the last Assembly; and we most sincerely wish it had been in our Power, as much as it was in our Inclinations and Endeavours, to have prevented or removed, by any Method consistent with the Dignity of this House, that Stop to Business which made the Interposition of the Government so indispensable.

Your Excellency has been pleased to express so kindly your Desire for the Welfare of this Province, and your Willingness to promote it's Happiness and Prosperity, by giving a helping Hand to the Removal of every Obstacle, that we beg leave to make our grateful Acknowledgment of Thanks, and assure your Excellency, that we are sufficiently convinced by the late and other Occasions, of the ill Effects of Heats and Animosities between the several Parts of the Legislature.

The Inhabitants of this Province have met with so many Disappointments in their Expectations of real Good and Benefit from the Meeting of Assemblies, for want of the Temper and Moderation you are pleased to recommend, that we are fully resolved carefully to avoid, as much as possible, every Occasion or Step that may interrupt or divert us from the Care and Earnestness we ought to have by the Duty of our Stations, without any private Views, for the Public Welfare and Prosperity.

Notwithstanding the ill Success of the generous Pains which your Excellency formerly took for the Benefit and Advantage of the People, in your Endeavours to continue the Bill for the Payment of his Lordship's Rents and Alienation Fines by a Duty on Tobacco; and for enlarging the Currency and Circulation of our Paper Money, by the Payment of Officers Fees, and the 40 *per* Poll therewith; yet your Excellency's recommending this Affair of our Currency once more to our Consideration will engage that Attention and Candour from us, which a Matter of so great Importance to the Country requires: Nor can we despair of a reasonable Medium being fixt to the Satisfaction of all Parties, since we are perswaded every Officer will most chearfully join with the Clergy, towards procuring the many Advantages that would accrue to the Country by so great an Addition to the Uses of our Paper Money; and although our present Endeavours should not have the desired Effect by a general Law, the next best Step must certainly be, to put our back Inhabitants in such a Situation, as may not only free them from the Necessity of making Tobacco, and leave them at Liberty to be Industrious in other Commodities more useful to the Country as well as themselves, but also may be a Means to prove more plainly and effectually the Expediency of a General Act.