

" jesty's Subjects enjoy, in the free and full Possession of their Religion, Liberties and Properties, under his most sacred Majesty King George the Second, to be made a Part of the Association; for that being immediately under the Government of the Right Honourable the Lord Baltimore, the Proprietor of Maryland, and thereby labouring, as they conceive, under some Aggrievances, by means of which they apprehend them selves in some Measure deprived of that free and full Possession of their civil Rights, which they acknowledge they should otherwise enjoy from his most sacred Majesty, in common with all other his faithful Subjects; And then proposed to the Conferrees of the Upper House the following Words; viz. " being fully persuaded that nothing, under God, can so effectually secure to the People of Great-Britain, and the Dominions thereof, the perfect Enjoyment of their religious and civil Rights, as the Continuance of his most sacred Majesty, and his Royal Family, on the Throne, " to be inserted instead of the Words objected to by the Lower House. To which the Conferrees of the Upper House, after taking the sense of their House, to avoid further Delay or Disputes, have agreed: The Words already mentioned, to wit, " our Detestation of Popery, and the evil Principles of that superstitious Religion, " being already agreed to be inserted in the Association. Upon which, the Form of an Association is drawn, and annexed hereto. All which is submitted to the Consideration of Both Houses.

PHI. HAMMOND,  
R. KING,  
GEOR. BUCHANAN,  
EDWD. TILGHMAN.

P. THOMAS,  
D. DULANY.

The Association, mentioned in the foregoing Report, is as followeth.

Whereas a most unnatural Rebellion hath been, and, as we fear, is still carried on in Great-Britain, in favour of a popish Pretender, educated in the Bigotry and Superstition of the Church of Rome, and trained up in the arbitrary Principles of the Courts of France and Spain, by whose Countels and Supplies his Cause is governed and supported.

We, the Governor, and the Members of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, of the Province of Maryland, at this Time convened, whose Names are hereto subscribed, being fully persuaded that nothing, under God, can so effectually secure to the People of Great-Britain, and the Dominions thereof, the perfect Enjoyment of their religious and civil Rights, as the Continuance of his most sacred Majesty, and his Royal Family, on the Throne; do hold ourselves bound by all the Ties of Loyalty, Duty, and Gratitude, to declare as well our Abhorrence of this detestable Rebellion; as also our firm and inviolable Attachment to our most gracious Sovereign King George the Second, and his Government. But as, by our Distance, we cannot hope for an Opportunity of manifesting the Sincerity of these our dutiful Professions, by any immediate Service to his sacred Person;

We therefore do solemnly promise, and hereby engage ourselves, to stand by each other, and to the utmost of our Power and Ability defend his Majesty's Rights, his Royal Authority, and Government, within this Province, not only against the open Attempts of his avowed Enemies, but against any wicked Machinations of concealed Traytors to their King and Country. This Engagement we solemnly and willingly enter into, to manifest our Gratitude to the best of Sovereigns, our Love to our Country and it's Liberties, and our Detestation of Popery, and the slavish Principles of that superstitious Religion.

On motion of a Member, Leave is given to bring in an additional supplementary Bill to the Act entitled, *An Act declaring Female Mulattoes born of white Women, and free Negro Women, to be Taxables; and Ordered* that the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in the same.

*The House adjourns 'til Monday Morning, 9 of the Clock.*

Monday Morning, March 24, 1745.

THE House met according to Adjournment: All Members present as on Saturday, except Mr. Addison. The Proceedings of Saturday were read.

On motion of a Member, Ordered that the Committee of Laws prepare an Address to his most sacred Majesty.

*The House adjourns 'til 2 of the Clock.*

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment.

The following Message, with two Copies of the Association agreed upon by the Conferrees of both Houses, was sent to the Upper House by Col. King, and three others; viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, March 24, 1745.

May it please your Honours,

WE herewith send you two Copies of the Association, agreed upon by the Conferrees of both Houses; which, after his Excellency's Approbation, we shall be ready to sign, in Conjunction with him and your Honours; the one of which Copies we propose to be lodged with the Clerk of this House.

Signed per Order, WM. TILGHMAN, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Mr.