

trust 'em Butt all mild perswasions failing wee sent for 'em up to the Upper House which they refused saying if his Lordsp were there in person they would attend and indeed they endeavoured all they could to lay asyde yo' Ldspps Upper house upon which wee thought of a Dissolution but tryed them the second time and they refused and the third time and then they came to whome the president made a short speech wherein he told them that wee were sorry to find such early disturbances that the occasion wee sent for them was about the Oath of Fidelity that Fidelity was Allegiance which by the Lawes of England might be proposed even to the House of Comons in Parliament sitting and that the refusing of Allegiance did imply Rebellion and the like as your Ldspps on perusall of the Journall will find upon which the Lower House was desired to return to their House to consider of it for 'till Compliance in that particuler wee neither would nor could enter upon any buisness Butt all in Vaine they still persisted upon which wee could not in honour to yo' Ldspps authority doe otherwise then maintaine your Lordsp Right and Lawes in this yo' Ldspps Dominion for wee were not ignorant of the fattall consequences hereof if Deniall of Fedelity to yo' Ldspps were thus permitted Rebellion might be the next step whereupon wee resolved to try all Endeavours and accordingly it being then Saturday in the afternoon we sent for the Lower House and they came whereafter a few things sayd to 'em by the President the Assembly was prorogued till the Munday following and then immediately the Oath was required of every perticuler Member which after severall Refusealls and debates they every man tooke except one Thurston a Quaker who desired to be dispenced with and it was granted him and on Munday both Houses mett againe to whome the President made a short speech and soe entred upon Buisness which afterwards proceeded very amicably and kind even to the end of the Sessions notwithstanding their grievous paper of pretended agrievances all which were answered to content as by the Journall your Lordsp will find and then was pressed the Buisness about bulk Tobacco though wee dispaired of success considering the violent repulse it met with in Virg^a yett wee endeavoured itt all wee could but to noe purpose for all wee could get from 'em in that affaire was their answeare and reasons to the contrary and then we proposed Methods to improve yo' Ldspps and peoples Interests in Maryland as by the Proposeall themselves herewith sent yo' Ldspps will appear In which yo' Lordsp will find divers expressions which seeme to diminish yo' Ldspps dues of 2^d p hh to one third less then at present. But the advantage proposed to yo' Ldspps by payment of all your Lordsp Rents and Fines for Alieva-

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