

Lordsp on perusuall of the Journall will find upon which the Lower House was desired to returne to their house to consider of it For till compliant in that perticular wee neither could nor would Enter upon any business. But all in vaine they still persisted upon which wee would not in hon^r to your Lordsp authority doe otherwise then mainteyne yo^r Lordsp right and lawes in this yo^r Lordsp Dominion For wee were not Ignorant of the fatall Consequences hereof if denyall of fidelity to your Lordsp were thus permitted Rebellion might be the next stepp whereupon wee Resolved to try all Endeavours and accordingly it being then Saturday in the afternoone wee sent for the Lower House And they came whereafter a few things said to 'em by the president the Assembly was prorogued till the munday following And then the oath was Imediately required of every perticular member which after severall refusalls and debates they every man tooke except one Thurstone a Quaker who desired to be dispensed with and it was granted him. And on Munday both houses met againe to whom the president made a short speech And soe Entered upon business which afterwards proceeded very amicably and kind even to the end of the sessions notwithstanding their grievous paper of pretended Agreivances all which were answered to Content As by the Journall your Lordsp will find and then was pressed the business about bulke tobacco tho wee desspaire of success considering the violent repulse it met with in Virg^a yet wee Endeavoured it all wee could but to no purpose For wee would get from 'um in that affair was their answer and reasons to the Contrary And then wee proposed methods to Improve your Lordsp and people interested in Maryland as by the proposalls themselves herewith sent your Lordsp will appeare in which your Lordsp will find divers expressions which seem to diminish your Lordsp dues of 2^s per hhd to one third lesse then at present But the advantage proposed to y^r Lordsp by payment of all your Lordsp rents and fines for alienations in money at the Inhansed value will we are well assured very much increase y^r Lordsp's income to what they now are For that your Lordsp rents which are now paid in Tobacco at 2^d p ll is but losse to your Lordsp and the people thereby have (as it were) your Lordsp whole province for nothing Whereas if the rents that dayly rise and Encrease might be payd in money there's noe doubt but in a short time the same will be farr more considerable than the duty of the 2^s p hhd Besides it is proposed to Enrich and people your Lordsp provinces by bringing in of money and tradesmen of all sorts to follow their callings and inhabit the Townes as by the proposalls to which we referr Being for our parts as wee are sworne to serve your Lordsp satisfied

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