

Hutchins & Cap^t Thompson whoe say that they haue brought severall Bills which haue been Read both in the House of Burgesses & here & that the severall Amendm^{ts} Recomend^d are made & soe they proceeded to Engrossing the same & haue since again been Read & passed the houses Assent, and are now presented for the Assent of their Maj^{ties} Hono^{ble} Covncill.

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Read an Answer of the House of Burgesses to a certain Address made by the Major, Recorder, Aldermen & Comon Covncill Men to his Ex^{ncy} in Covncill about Removeing the provinciall Court from S^t Maryes, which said Address and Answer is as follows Viz^t

To his Ex^{ncy} ffrancis Nicholson Esq^r Cap^t Gen^l and Gov^r in Chiefe in & over this their Maj^{ties} Province and territory of Maryland.

The Humble Address of the Mayo^r Recorder Aldermen p. 52
Common Councill men and ffreemen of the City of Sn^t Maries in the said province.

And principally from the bottom of their hearts they congratulate your Ex^{ncys} happy accession to this your Governm^t and sincerely pray for your peaceable and quiett enjoym^t thereof and long & prosperous continuance therein for the glory of God their Maj^{ties} Service the Good and benefitt of their Subjects and your owne particular comfort and Satisfaction.

from whence they proceed humbly to Supplicate y^r Ex^{ncies} grace and flavour in granting and Continving to them their antient ffranchises rights & priviledges granted them by their Charter with such other benefitts and advantages as hath been accustomed and usually allowed and from time to time confirmed to them by y^r p^rdecesso^rs Governo^{rs} and Rulors of this province humbly Offering and proposing to y^r Ex^{ncyes} these following reasons as motives inducing therevnto (Viz^t)

Imp^{rs} As that it was the prime and originall Settlem^t of this Province and from the first Seateing thereof for about Sixty yeares hath been the Antient and Chiefe Seate of Governm^t

2 In consideracōn whereof the Lord Baltemore by his Lett^{rs} pattents did incorporate and constitute the same a City wth Severall immunityes rights benefitts and priviledges thereunto belonging about and beyoud all other parts and places of the province.

3 The Scituation in it Selfe is most pleasant & heathfull and naturally commodious in all Respects for the purpose, being plentifully and well watered with good and wholesome Springs almost encompassed round with Harbour for Ship-