

P. R. O. [Endorsement]

Maryland

Copy of an Address to Colonel Seymour from the Quakers in Maryland, relating to the Evil

Governor Seymour to Board of Trade.

My Lords of R<sup>t</sup> hon<sup>ble</sup> Gentlemen.

I am glad of any, & take this Oportunity of paying my Duty and Respects to you hon<sup>ble</sup> Boarde, and rendring you the best Account of the Affairs of this Province which her Ma<sup>ty</sup> has been Graciously pleased to com̄mitt to my Conduct.

Our Assembly met on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of March, & sate till the 14<sup>th</sup> of Aprill last but the Clarks not having had tyme to transcribe the Laws and Iournalls, I cannot now, but must be content to transmitt them to your Lordships by the Fleete; However presume to informe You with the most materiall Transactions in this Session.

And First of the Enacting an Additionall Law for Towns and Ports, wherein it is at last agreed to, that all Tobacco's after the tenth day of Septemb. A<sup>o</sup> 1708 shall be brought to, and Shipt off from Towns & Ports, and that all Ships Shall ride and loade there; Which I am persuaded will be of Great Advantage & Security to her Ma<sup>ty's</sup> Revenue; And therefore hope, it will find your Acceptance, and her Ma<sup>ty's</sup> Royall Sanction; though the Stiffness of our Legislators has still aforded Occasion to have it amended.

In Obedience to her Ma<sup>ty's</sup> Royall Com̄ands An Act of Assembly was past for Suspending (during her Ma<sup>ty's</sup> Royall Pleasure) the prosecution of Priests of the Romish Comunion incurring the penaltys of the Act to prevent the Growth of Popery in this Province, by exercising their Function in a private Family of the Roman Comunion, but in no other case whatsoever, & hope it will answer her Ma<sup>ty's</sup> & your hon<sup>ble</sup> Boards directions.

Upon a new discovered peice of Villany that Richard Clarke with his Gange of Runaway Rogues had concerted to Seize on our Magazine, and burne this Towne and Port of Annapolis, & then Steale a Vessell and turne pyrates, where they thought it most Feasable: All means having prov'd ineffectuall to apprehend and bringe the said Clarke to Iustice, The Assembly, for the better Security of the province, & to deterr any from associating with him past An Act to attaint him of high Treason: And this province has already and is Still like to be at no little Charge and trouble upon his Account. For altho' he is one of the Greatest of Villains, Yet (especially in this County of Ann Arundell) he has So many neare Relations that Wee find it very difficult to discover