

U. H. J. be referred to the next Session at which Time M^r Bennett may be heard thereto

And Sent down to the House by Col Whittington

M^r Amos Garrett & twenty four more of the House of Delegates came and presented to the Honourable President the following Address Viz

To the honble Edward Lloyd Esq^r President of her Majestys Council of Maryland and Commander in Chief thereof.

We the Deputys and Delegates of the s^d Province now in Assembly convened in most dutiful and humble manner crave leave to lay before your Honour the great Grief and Affliction that possesseth us, in finding the Conference between her Majesty's honble Council and the members of this House break up without making a final End and Conclusion of the matter to them referred in the Article for Limitting the Jurisdiction of the Provincial Court in Small Sums We cannot impute the reason thereof to any thing but a constant resolution in her Majestys honourable Council not to Concur in any thing that seemingly toucheth her most sacred Majesty's Royal Prerogative (which they are obliged to maintain) and which this House never design to retrench or infringe knowing your Honour ever since your taking upon you the Government here to be thereof very careful and tender. But the deplorable and sad Condition her Majesty's good Subjects of this poor Province will lye under should this present Session of Assembly end without revising the Act for relieving some Aggrievances makes us now address your Honour for relief therein.

We are very sensible her Majesty has restricted your Honour from passing any Bills of moment unless of absolute necessity for the Welfare Peace and tranquillity of this her Province in the absence of a Capt General and most humbly desire your Honour to extend as favourable a Construction thereto as possible you can assuring your Honour if any other expedient could be found to quiet the minds & Satisfy the Inhabitants of this Province this House would not insist thereon at this time And if your Honour please to grant that this or some other Bill of the like nature may pass this Session & to continue only to the End of the first Session of Assembly after the Arrival of a Cap^t General we hope the same will not be taken as any Infringem^t on her Majesty's royal Prerogative Protesting to your Honour that it is not only the sense of this House but of the Province in General That if this Act should now expire without making any other of the like nature It will be impossible for a great many of her Majesty's good Sub-