

His Excellency was pleased in answer to the Address Yesterday presented to him from both Houses to make the following Answer Viz. U. H. J.

Gentlemen of the Upper & Lower Houses of Assembly

It is a very sensible pleasure to me that I find the Administration of this Govern^t committed to my Care is so acceptable to the good people of this Province as you are pleased to express in your most affectionate Address to me yesterday for which you have my hearty Thanks

Your Laws will ever be the Rule & measure of my Authority and I shall not fail to put those Laws in Execution against such persons who shall contumaciously dare to offend against them or have them in any degree of Contempt p. 233

Your Prosperity shall be my constant Application to protect & to preserve it from any Attempts may be made by artful & designing men whether I have the happiness to remain among you or if It be the pleasure of Providence by the means of yours and my Enemys to remove me from this Station I shall stedfastly continue to the utmost of my power to be a sincere friend to the protestant Interest of Maryland

John Hart

Which was Read at the Board & very thankfully accepted and after that sent down by Col Holland and six more of the members of this House.

M^r Tyler & five more brought from the Lower House a Bill for transferring the payment of all such Fines & Forfeitures as shall hereafter arise or happen upon the Breach of any the penal Laws of this Province to the Right honble the Lord Proprietary

Several observations on M^r Carroll's Answer to such Queries put to him the 19th July 1716 being read at the Board were sent to the Lower House together with the s^d Queries & Answers by Col Holland.

The Bill for transferring the paym^t of all such Fines & Forfeitures as shall hereafter arise or happen upon the Breach of any the penal Statutes of this Province to the R^t Honble the Lord Proprietor being read was Endorsed p. 244

Read in the Upper House the first time & will pass and sent to the Lower House by the honble Col Addison

L^t Col Scott & Cap^t Codd brought up from the Lower House the following Message Viz.