

L. H. J. Wee also find upon due Examination of the Writt of Election & Indentures mentioned (To Witt) M^r Thomas Bordley and M^r Benj^a Tasker for the City of Annapolis are duely Elected according to Law.

Cap^t Colegate from the Committee of laws reported an Answer to his Ex^{ncys} Speech which was ordered to be read and being approved of was ordered to be entred (Viz.)

By the Lower house of Assembly

To his Ex^{ncy} John Hart Esq^r Governour of Maryland
May It please your Ex^{ncy}—

By what your Ex^{ncy} was pleased to say at the opening of this Session wee perceive those reports are not further to be regarded, which at last meeting induced us to Address Your Ex^{ncy} for a prorogation to prevent what wee then feared would have proved a fruitless charge and trouble & since Your Ex^{ncy} has not received any Instructions to the contrary of what you were then pleased to Recomend wee shall proceed to the Consideration & dispatch thereof, in the best manner wee are able.

p. 146 Wee heartily Congratulate his Lordship on his Restoration to his Government and acknowledge his Maty^s Bounty To us in approveing your Ex^{ncy} to be our Governour a choice (which were it in our Power) wee our selves should make. The great Goodnes of his Majesty (soe well known to all that know him) The assurances Your Ex^{ncy} has given us of his Lordships the Lord Guilfords resolutions to promote the wellfare of this Province the Character of our Lord Proprietor and the Experience of yourself give us reason To hope wee shall not now be a less happy people than wee were when under the more Immediate Government of that Mat^y who is indeed our faiths defender

Tis with great Satisfaction wee find our Religion so well secured under A Protestant King, Lord, and Governour, These happy Circumstances give us a Satisfactory assurance that the aspireing Interest of those that term us hereticks will not be able to prevail agst us.

Your Ex^{ncys} Impartiality has been convincingly Exprest by your unbyassed Administration, and since Justice and the laws are your Ex^{ncys} rules wee hope wee shall never be so farr mistaken in our duty or Interest as to neglect any part of our Endeavours to support your Ex^{ncy} and the honour and dignity of his Lordships Government.

The Just consideration your Ex^{ncy} has of the Burthen of long and frequent Assemblies gives us hopes That the most Easy