

By the Upper house of Assembly
July 21st 1716

L. H. J.

The petitioner M^r George Valentaine being a very diligent and Industrious officer residing at the Seat of Government gives his continual attendance for the dispatch of publick packets and also is very ready and Serviceable on any other occasions in the Execution of Justice and Service of the Province Wherefore wee desire you will make him such a suitable allowance or Gratuity for his Services as may Encourage his future diligence

Signed p order. W Bladen Clk: Up^r ho:

Which being read the same is referred to be considered of on Munday Morning

The following message being prepared was ordered to be entred as follows.

By the Lower house of Assembly
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May It please your Ex^{ncy}

In answer to your Message by the Hon^{ble} Thomas Brooke Esq^r Col Thomas Addison, and Co^l Thomas Smith, wee hope it will not be thought necessary To mention any thing in the laws hereafter to be made of the right Hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^{rys} minority or of his noble Guardian for the title of the Lord Prop^{ry} in the laws is made use of as he is a Body Politique & not in his Natural Capacity and therefore minority cannot disable him to pass the laws and hope your Ex^{ncys} and Hon^{rs} concurrence will not be wanting in that particular tho the Stile used when the Lord Prop^{rys} noble ancestors had the Governm^t of this Province was recomended to us, as the fittest stile to use in our laws, yet wee are so well Satisfied with the reasonableness of his Ex^{ncys} opinion in respect to nameing the Governour that wee agree that the stile to be used shall be as follows (viz.)

By the R^t Hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^{ry} by and with the advice and consent of his Lordships Governour and the Upper and Lower houses of Assembly and by the authority of the same of which wee hope your Ex^{ncy} and Hon^{rs} will signifie your Approbation and as to that part of your Message which Intimates his Lordships Directions for reenacting all the laws which were revised since his most Gracious Majestys happy accession to the throne, which Indeed are all the laws of Maryland now in force considering all due care and application of the Legislature of this Province has been so lately used in