

The humble Address and Application of the Upper and Lower L. H. J.
houses of Assembly of this your Province of Maryland now
sitting.

May it please your Lordship

As wee have great reason to be thankful to Almighty God for reconciling the mind of your deceased ffather of Noble memory to the Principles of the Church of England so the hopes wee have of your Lordships continueing Stedfast in the same Communion has laid us under an obligation with all Sincerity to congratulate your Lordship's happy accession to the Dominions of your Noble Ancestors.

And as wee have Just reason to believe that your abjoureing the Idolatrous and Dangerous Principles and Doctrine of the Church of Rome & your Embraceing the true Orthodox Religion and principles of the Church of England (Wee hope to your Eternall happyness) was the great motive which prevailed with his Royal Ma^{ty} to restore your Lordship to your Just right of Governm^t for some time with held from your ancestors and Lodged in the Crown for Reasons of state unknowne to us so wee hope you will be secure in the lasting and peaceable Enjoym^t & possession of your Governm^t and Dominion over us by maintaining and supporting that our holy religion and protecting us in all our Civill rights and Libertys.

Wee begg leave to assure your Lordship that wee resolve never to be wanting on our part in assisting your Lordship what wee can for the obtaining this happy end.

Wee doe with all sincerity and gratitude acknowledge your Lordships Early care of us by continueing to us a Governour who with unwearied diligence pursues the Honour and interest of your Lordships Govern^{mt} the security and Safety of the Protestant religion and the well fare and prosperity of all your people. And wee should Judge our selves wanting in our duty both to your Lordship and the Inhabitants of this your province, and of doing Justice to his Ex^{ncy} our Governour should wee omitt to lay before you our humble opinion that those who advised your Lordship to curtaile his power by lodgeing so great a part of it in the hands of a profest papist p. 182 who refused to take the oaths appointed by Law when tendered him Contrary to the laws both of great Brittain and this your Province as well as his Ma^{ty}s Royall Instructions in the first and second article Communicated to us, and granting Comissions in Blank for particular offices under a great seal not made use of in this Province and putting them in to the hands of Papists to be distributed to such persons as they