

U. H. J. Encouragem<sup>t</sup> to the Disturbers of yours & this Province's Tranquility that we find their Lordships condemning the Practice Discouraging the party And (which we are Ex-tremely thankfull to your Excellency for Communicating to us) Declareing their Resolution to Discountenance the Papists in their Pernicious Practice of Perverting to the Romish Superstition Altho their Lordships Intirely Acquiesce with your Excellency by comending your Integrity and Applauding Your Conduct in keeping the Papists within Bounds by the  
 p. 23 Gentle methods You have made use of.

S<sup>r</sup> We have but too much Reason to believe that the De-signes of your Enimies either Papists or their Adherents have no Other foundation than in the Opposition made to their Intended Establishment of a Popish Interest within this Province: Disappointment Inflamed the Party their malice Centered in your Excellency as the Chief Agent of it, And they have ever since Harrass'd you with new Schemes and Projects of Removing you from this Government, the Ungenerous Reward of so good an Undertaking so Justifyable before God and man whereby the Purity of our Religion and the Safety of our Persons are Secured to us That we look upon it to be our Duty to declare our Approbation thereof as the only Effectuall means to Continue a Succesfull & lasting Dominion to the Family of Baltemore over this his Lordships Province of Maryland which the Restless Spirits of a Popish Enter-prizing Faction might again Expose to the Hazzard of State Emergencies

Wee Congratulate Your Excellency on your Peculiar hap-pyness in Standing so well in the Esteem of their Lordships as we perceive by their Letters Concerning the Affairs of this Province under your Excellencys Administration.

This S<sup>r</sup> Animates us with fresh Courage & Zealous Resolu-tions of Adhering to the Lord Proprietarys Interest by Enter-ing into such measures upon all Occasions as may be most Consistant with his Honour and the Prosperity of this Province to the Accomplishment of which great End we of his  
 p. 24 Lordships Council of this Province are humbly of Opinion that their Lordships will always look upon us as the Best Qualified psons to lay before them the True State & Circum-stances of Affairs here And th<sup>t</sup> no Representation from Other Quarters unless warranted by very good Authority may at any time lessen their Lordships Esteem of [y]our Excy or the Council here who have made use of their united Endeavours to advance my Lord Proprietarys Interest together with the Publick wealth of this Province.

Signed p order Jn<sup>o</sup> Beard Cl Uper House

The House Adjourns till Afternoon