

L. H. J. sembly to Disable Tho^s Macnemara Esq^r in his practice of the Law (all Cases of the Crown Excepted) Your L^{dps} have already met with but too much Trouble on that head and wee may reasonably believe you were desirous of and did Expect to put an End to that affair by requireing him to make such reasonable Submission as should be Approved of by your Govern^r and Councill. But such is the unhappy Temper of that p^{erson} that neither p^{ersuasions} nor reproofs work any thing upon his Stubborn Spirit as your L^{dps} will perceive by the Relation of his Behaviour before the upper house and by a representⁿ of the Justices of the provincially Court which with other matters relateing unto his Insolent behaviour are Entered upon our Journalls in Assembly. It was upon these Considerations th^t the Low^r House Resolved to bring in a bill to Deprive the Said Thomas Macnemara Esq^r of his practice as the most Effectuall means to prevent the like Abuses and Indignities for the future.

Thus my L^d wee have laid before you the true State of the most Publick Transactions of this Sessions wee have taken Care to regulate our proceedings in Such wise to give your L^{dps} no manner of Umbrage that the good People of this province have any thing more in View then the Honour Dignity and true Interest of the Noble Family of Baltemore and the Proprietary¹ of Maryland under a Protestant Establishm^t Secured by such good and Wholsome Laws as may be able to protect it ag^t all the Endeavours of our Secret and professed Enemies.

Wee further Humbly begg leave to lay before your Lordships an Acc^t of the most Oppressive and rigorous proceedings of Maurice Birchfield Esq^r ag^t great numbers of the Inhabitants of this province which has been represented and agreed to be an Agrievance by both houses of Assembly (To wit)

That they have been Subpenaed to app^r at the high Court of Chancery to answer the bills of Complaint of the said Maurice Birchfield Esq^r upon a Suggestion that they were Indebted to a Certa[in] John Goodwin and Other Merch^{ts} in London before Making any Demand or giving notice of such his Claime Some of which never had any dealings with the Merch^{ts} they are Charged Debtors To, others have been large Cred^{rs} Instead of Deb^{ts} and many that were Debt^{rs} did by the said Merch^{ts} Own Acc^{ts} Owe but very small and Trifleing sumes which by our Laws are not Cognizable in the Chancery Court notwithstanding which Such p^{ersons} have been obliged to make answers and Defend their Suites to their great Expen^{ce} and

¹ Thus in the original manuscript; *prosperity* intended, and so written in contemporary copy.