

L. H. J. M^r Speaker delivers to this House their Lordships Answer to the Address of the late Assembly which is Ordered to be entred in these words following viz:

Baltimore } Gentlemen of the Upper & Low^r Houses of
Guilford } Assembly:

p. 14 The dispatch given to the publick affairs in your late Sessions and the unanimous concern you have Shown for the Just Authority of our Courts and the persons of our Ministers is most Gratefull to us, as you have thereby not only manifested the Satisfaccōn you take in our Dominion over you, but in Some Measure added Strength to the liberties & properties of those you represent, The good people of Maryland Therefore we think the Generall part of the act entituled an Act for the better Supporting the Magistrates in the Administration of Justice within this Province & for the Disabling Tho^s Macnemara Esq^r to practice the Law therein, very necessary But forasmuch as we find tack'd to it a Clause against a particular Person without hearing the party, which is the undoubted right of every one of his Majestys Subjects, We are Obliged to dissent to the Said Act, and we hereby Declare the same to be null void & of no Effect.

Laws made ag^t Persons ex post facto have been rarely pass'd in England but always esteem'd Severe, and we hope such a Generall Act may be made as will so effectually reach all particular persons for the future, that there may be no more Occasion to have resort to the like extraordinary means.

p. 15 We are much concerned to hear that Rigorous and Oppressive Suits contrary to your Laws have been Carryed on against the Inhabitants of this Province, But we have had such great experience of the Wisdome and Justice of the Administration under his Majesty in all its parts that we are Sure such proceedings can never be encouraged and that they may be rightly represented We have taken an opportunity to lay your Representation thereof Before the Commissioners of his Majestys Customes

Gentlemen. As you have known us so long you [may] make a very good Judgment from our Actions th^t we have nothing more at heart than the Protestant Establishment with a tender Compassion to consciences truely Scrupulous, dissenting from it Therefore let no imaginations or the Suggestions of Evill minded men who neither regard your prosperity or our authority make you Apprehend that any Endeavours either publick or private can have the least influence on the