

L. H. J. Baltimore &c<sup>a</sup> and to the Right Honourable Francis Lord Guilford &c his Noble Guardian

The Humble Address of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly in the Province of Maryland.

May it Please your Lordships.

Wee your Lordships most obedient faithfull Tennants of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly now convened, take the Liberty of representing with one Generall Voice that Nothing could have Given us a more pleasing and Compleat p. 146 Satisfaction at this time, than to have it confirmed to us, from your Lordships Own hands, that you Look upon our Just endeavours to Support the Authority of your Courts and protect the persons of your Ministers as a Manifest evidence of our approbation of your Lordships Dominions over us.

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We think our Selves Very happy that we have been Able to express such a Due Sense of our Duty, as that your Lordships have Apprehended our proceedings to have the same Tendancy that we designed them, And that you have thereupon Declared, the Libertys and Properties of the good People of this Province are Strengthened thereby

Such free Declarations convince us that your Lordships would not have dissented unto the Act for the better Supporting the Magistrates in the administration of Justice within this province, had it not been out of a tender regard to the Preservation of the rights and liberties of an English Subject, a principle so Just and so beneficent, it fills us with pleasure to foresee, that Justice and Clemency are like to become the Rule of your Lordships' Government.

p. 147 But Give us leave in most humble Manner to represent, that the particular person mentioned in that Act, did never Apply himself to the Upper House, upon that occasion Altho he had very little reason to Apprehend any hardship there, from the treatment he met withall a few days before upon his refusall to make such reasonable acknowledgment of his indecent and insolent behaviour to our Governour in the Court of Chancery and elsewhere, as was required of him by your Lordship's letter to him for that purpose. This gives a great deal of reason to believe th<sup>t</sup> the Subtile Insinuations & false allegations of that person, prevailed upon those Eminent Gent of the Law to give their opinions as they have been transmitted to us.

We humbly Submitt to your Lordships' opinions that laws made against persons ex post facto, if not unjust are at least,