

U. H. J. the good of Maryland is most Conspicuous And as this Time of our meeting seems agreeable to their Lordship's directions so we must acknowledge it is not unsuitable to our private Affairs, and therefore shall the more Cheerfully apply our selves to the Dispatch of those Important Exigencies your Excy is pleased to Recomend to us.

The Act for Ascertaining the tare & Gauge of Tob^o hh^{ds} &c. procured by your Endeavours is so Essentiall to the Support of Government Incouragement of Trade and Promotion of the Comon good that it requires our thanks to Your Excy and our Care for it's Continuance And we perswade ourselves that the Experience his L^dship has had of the Equivalent in that Law for his Quitt Rents and Alienation Fines will readily Induce him to Assent to it notwithstanding the Endeavours of Self Interested persons to the Contrary.

We think it Strange thô true that the Roman Catholicks should yett Continue to Insinuate that they have a right to Imploy Offices in this Government in Equall Degree with the Protestants after what their Lordships and your Excy have on Sevth Occasions been pleased to Declare against it, But least they should fancy themselves better informed of their Privileges than our Proprietary himself (who they must allow to be well acquainted with them) we desire your Excy will be
 p. 35 pleased to pursue the methods you have proposed of sending for some of their Principals to make appear their Right if any they have, w^{ch} that they may be the More Encouraged to proceed to, we declare we will readily Joyn with your Excy in doing them all the Justice that their Case Requires, Yett we must farther declare that we know not of any right they have which they do not now Enjoy, but if they slight this opportunity of making their right appear, as they have hitherto, all others that have been Offered them, they must impute it to themselves if we declare their Claim insupportable and take the Liberty to say their Enjoying too great Indulgencies have made them Troublesome

Your Excys Indefatigable Indeavours to Oppose these uneasey People in their Unjust Pretentions and to Maintain the Justice of our Conduct in relation to them as well as your good Inclinations to Answer for us very Justly Engage our Affections to your person and Character.

It is no wonder that your Excys Conduct is Vilified by those whose practices your Authority is intended to restrain your faithfull discharge of duty in the trust reposed in you, must needs have a different Effect upon the minds of Contrary parties, And we can truly affirm that according to the Strictest Observations we are able to make, your Administration is