L. H. J. our was, that it is the Sense of your House, it is due to the person presiding in the absence of the Governour and accordingly have passed a Vote on it,

I must Observe to you that the house have not duly Considered that Law, and Also that this Law was Enacted when this Government was Immediately under the Crown and Still lyes before it for its Assent or dissent

Again I cannot take those to be friends either to the Lord Proprietarie or their Country who would leave his Lordships Inclination alone (tho Signified in an Instruction) to have the Sanction of a Law.

In a word I Insist upon it, the three pence ℗ Ton is due to me as Governour untill my Commission is Legally Superceeded and resolve to take all proper Methods to Maintain it.

April 21ˢᵗ 1720   Jo Hart

Col Mackall and the other Gent Appointed bring in the Report from the Gent appointed by both houses to make a further representation of the aggrievances against Maurice Birchfield Esqʳ, which was read and ordered to be Entred as follows viz:

By the Committee appointed to Address his Excellency

April the 21ˢᵗ 1720.

It seems necessary to this Committee that in furtherance of the Subject matter of their Said address, a Letter be writ by Mʳ Speaker to the Agent to desire him to Communicate to his Excellency such papers as he hath had transmitted to him in relation to that Matter and to desire him to Assist his Excellency therein, which is humbly Submitted to the house

Signed ℗ order   Phil Hammond Cll. Com.

To His Excellency John Hart Esqʳ Governour of Maryland.

The Humble Address of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly

May it Please your Excellency.

p. 77   The great Regard your Excellency has Exprest for the wellfare of our Country in the Communicateing to us the Copy of the Letter from the Honble the Commissioners of Trade to the Right Honourable the Lord Guilford, as well as by the whole Course of your Administration emboldens us to make this our humble address to your Exᶜʸ for your Assistance in the Subject Matter therein treated of by which it appears plainly to us, that tho we have had the most necessitous Cause