

state of the Offices. It seems to us to be no great matter of L. H. J. Consideration to appoint Comm<sup>rs</sup> to repair the s<sup>d</sup> Offices and provide proper Boxes or Cases to Lodge the bookes in to Defend them from the weather and to Cause the Books that have been Transcribed as well as others to be bound.

Signed p Order. Joh. Beale Cl: Upper house.

The Address of the Lower House of Assembly being Signed by M<sup>r</sup> Speaker by the Order of the House was read and ordered to be Entered as foll<sup>o</sup> viz:

To the Right Hono<sup>ble</sup> Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietor p. 53  
of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of  
Baltimore &c<sup>a</sup>.

The Sincere and unfeign'd Address of yo<sup>r</sup> Lordships Lower House of Assembly who in most humble manner take leave to Express the Satisfaccon that we have rece<sup>d</sup> from your L<sup>dps</sup> Acquainting us by your near Relacon our Governour of the Reasons induceing Your Lordship to Entrust the Government in his hands Viz:

His Loyalty and great Service to King George his Inclinations to make the Interest of you our Lord Proprietor and the People One,

Arguments in themselves so Strong nothing seems necessary to be added thereto and we are noways Doubtfull but that his honour will in all respects Answer Your Lordships Character.

And as we Cannot in Justice to the known Character of Esq<sup>r</sup> Brooks be unconcerned on Account of the Dislike Yo<sup>r</sup> L<sup>dp</sup> has taken at his so hasty Proceedings as you are pleased to Stile them; so we take leave to Justifie his Conduct so far as to Say that had he not taken that Early Care to qualifie himself to take upon him the Government it would have been a good Plea for Gov<sup>r</sup> Hart to have refused the Delivery at the Time prefixt by yo<sup>r</sup> L<sup>dp</sup>. And we Joyne with yo<sup>r</sup> L<sup>dp</sup> in a firm believe he had no private Views to the Disservices of Your L<sup>dp</sup> or the Peoples Interest. And we are Equally Touched at the Malicious Reports Spread by the Enemies of Your L<sup>dps</sup> Government Touching the Suggestion of a Private Commission intended as a Reflection on your L<sup>dps</sup> Conduct in Order to Alienate the minds of his Majesties good Subjects and your faithfull people here who are well assured Yo<sup>r</sup> L<sup>dps</sup> known Wisdom Hon<sup>r</sup> and Great Justice would not permit you to think of such Sinster Measures, as are Suggested on that Occasion. And seeing we are well Assured We should have been happy under the Administracon of yo<sup>r</sup> first Councillour