

Reception given Your Lordship's speech Among us; and that your Lordship's Sentiments and Ours Do exactly Concurr in promoting the Welfare of Maryland; being at the same Time Infinitely pleased to have those Considerations repeated to us by Our Governour. We beg Leave to Mention to Your Lordship Our Concern that the Supplementary Act to the Act for Ascertaining the Bounds of Land in this Province, as well as the Act it Self have not met your Lordship's Approbation; those Laws being Carefully Intended (as near as Our Circumstances here will Admitt) to square with the Laws of Great Brittain; which according to your Lordships Desire we shall always Strenuously Endeavour to Imitate as near as Possible; and with the Greatest Submission Conceive such Procedures no more Differ in Effect than the Disparity in Number between the Commissioners by those Laws Appointed and a Jury of the Country. And further humbly Add that few or no Jurys in Court can so Uprightly determine the Bounds of Land as men, tho fewer in Number, yet of Equal or rather Superior Capacity, Actually on the Spott may or Can Do. And at the same Time Represent to your L^p unless some Act wholly or in Part Agreeing in its Directions to those Your L^p has lately been pleased to Dissent to be Enacted and made in force here, that Every Man's Property will be precarious and Liable to the Very Unjudicious Jurymen Absent from the Premisses, & totally Ignorant of the Art of Surveying, on which most Differences of this kind some what or Chiefly depend. L. H. J. p. 83

Happy should we be, could Our wisdom and foresight extend so far as to frame an Act Consonant to the Laws of Great Brittain which would Effectually settle the Bounds of our Land here & meet your L^{ps} Approbation. We are Assured it would much Conduce to the Happiness and Security of your People by Preventing many Tedious and Expensive Law Suits. And we beg your L^p to believe, that as we Conceive the Legislative Power highly necessary for the Regulation and Support of the Jurisdiction of the Several Courts; so we Declare that we will never Intermeddle so as to deprive them of their Judicature: but cannot at present think of Any other Law that would Answer the End Desired so Effectually as those two before Mentioned, That your Lordship was pleased to Dissent to, and humbly beg of Your Lordship to Signifie to your Lieut. Govern^r here that those two Laws or some other that would Answer the same Ends may againe be Enacted. Your Lordship's former Observations on the Proceedings of the Parliament of Great Brittain are now fresh in our Memory. And we Entirely Join with Your Lordship,