

is to Conform (what we can) with his Royal Inclinations by encouraging the Hemp Trade, Which our Interest and the Soy of the Province, in many Places, invite us to. U. H. J.

Some Advances were made last Sessions in Relation to Hemp to pay Debts contracted in that Commodity at Six Pence p Pound, w^{ch} (if it be above the Current Price of the Market in England) will, unavoidably, raise a Clamor in the Merchants at Home, as a Bad Foundation to Support a Good Undertaking Therefore I recommend to your serious Consideration whether it would be thought convenient to Appoint proper Persons in each County, to receive all the merchantable Hemp, that shall be brought in yearly, at a Price agreeable to the market in England, and a Reward to those that bring in large Quantities; This may encourage Industry, and put People to work on a Manufacture that is not like to be precarious.

Gentlemen. I can't help taking Notice of a Report Spread, that I design to turn Several out of Commission which is entirely false and only raised to create a Misunderstanding between me and the Good People of Maryland, to whom I shall always think myself Oblig'd by the Favours I have received from them, and in particular this present General Assembly and in Return will sincerely Study the Prosperity of the Province, without any private Views of my own; And shall show the greatest Resentment to the Authors of any Reflection to the Gentlemen in Commission; finding nothing in their Conduct, but what is Agreeable with their Duty to the King, the Proprietor and the Country p. 4

Gentlemen of the Upper House of Assembly.

As in our Legislature (as near as Circumstances will permit) We endeavour by forming three Estates, to Assimulate that of our Mother Great Britain making her our Pattern for Justice; In order to which in Reference to M^r Bordley, I must let you know that my Discharging him from giving me further Counsel (he having given me Counsel of pernicious Consequence) is not design'd to Affect him as a member of your House, if (as such) he has a Right to sit therein, which Point I desire you'll enquire into, and inform me of your Judgments thereon that Justice may be done

I shall conclude with an hearty Recommendation that you put the Greatest Dispatch to the Publick Affairs and the least Charge to the Country; And that Parties Factions and News Makers be discouraged; And in your several Counties recommend to the good People (in these Dismal Times of Trade) Bearing and forbearing what they can with Each other

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