

L. H. J. our utmost Efforts to quiett the Minds of the good people of this province and Render that Law usefull and Advantagious not Doubting but Your Honour out of your great goodness and Affection towards us, will readily agree to any thing of that Sort.

It would be happy for us that we could Applye our Selves to what his most gracious Majesty so Tenderly recommends, tis indeed an Instance of his great and fatherly Care of us altho so remotely scituate from his Royall presence and must attach [us] to him with all duty and loyall Gratitude, But as we Conceive meliorating our old Staple will of Course advance its price so we believe the late Incouragement given to the hemp Manufacture here, will have so little effect for a time as that it will be in Vaine to Constitute any officers as your honour in your kind Speech to us is pleased to mention untill wee see some probability of their haveing business and then (in our humble Opinions) it will be timely enough to give the Encouragement your honour is likewise pleased to propose.

With the greatest concern we are acquainted with the Malevolence of the Spreaders of false reports to the prejudice and Aspersion of your honour and do sincerely Assure you Sir, That in our real Opinion no Governour of Maryland has hitherto Ruled and presided over it with more Equall and Impartial Justice and with less regard to his owne private Interest so that those base Authors have not gained among us the least of their desired ends, and wee do fully Resolve (as much as in us lyes) to discover and expose such evill minded persons.

We will exert our Selves in the Dispatch of the publick affairs, so as to diminish (what possibly we Cann) the charge of this Assembly to the people, and will always discourage in our Severall Counties Faction partys and News makeing as well as earnestly recommend to those we respectively represent the Christian and Charitable disposition of peace Unity and Concord towards and with each other.

Ordered that M^r Lee and M^r Contee goe to his Hon^r the Governour and desire to know of him when and where hee will be pleased to receive the address of this house. They returne and say that his Honour the Governour acquaints them that hee will Receive it immediatly in the Conference Chamber.

Thereupon ordered that M^r Stoddart and nine others go to the Conference chamber [&] present it.

They return and Say they have presented it.