

After which his Honour was pleased to Express himself L. H. J. in the following Words Viz:

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly

I Return you my hearty thanks for the Unanimity you have Shewn in the Dispatching of those Affairs Laid before you at the Opening of this Sessions.

I have a matter to Recomend to you which may be of Great p. 21 Service to the Province It is a trade with The Indians to Accomplish which his Lordship in his Instructions Comanded me to use my Endeavours for Enttring into a Treaty with the Northern Indians and to make them an handsome present at his Lordships Own Expence in the makeing of which Treaty I was happily prevented by those Indians comeing down to me and Sueing for such Terms and Stipulations of peace as will not only Secure our Frontier Inhabitants but promote the Trade for the Advantage of the People so that a Lasting Friendship is Concluded with them for our Inhabitants and we have a very fair prospect for a Comerce.

There is one Obstacle on our Side which at Present Lays us under a great disadvantage in that Trade I mean the Duty on Furrs which is recommended by his Lordship to you as being of Little Advantage to the Free schools as his Lordship is Informed and it remains with you Gent to Consider Whether the takeing off that Duty and Laying an equivalent Duty upon Some thing else would not be a greater Advantage to the Province in Generall than as it now stands; I am very well Convinced our neighbours have reap'd great Advantages, by their Trade with the Indians whom (according to an Observation Lately taken By his Lordships Order to Assert his Boundaries) I find to be in the Limits of Maryland.

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N^o 1. An Engrost Bill for reviveing an Act Entituled an Act for raising a Duty of three pence p hh^d on all Tobacco Exported out of this province for the uses therein mentioned.

2. An Engrost Bill reviveing and Continueing the Act for Ascertaining the Guage and Tare of Tobacco hogsheads &c.

3. An Engrost Bill reviveing and Continueing an Act for regulateing of Ordinaries.

4. An Engrost Bill reviveing and Continueing an Act of Assembly Entituled an Act for relieving the Inhabitants of this Province from some Aggrievances in the prosecution of Suits at Law.