

when any of the English Statute Laws are found Convenient U. H. J.  
and well adapted to your Circumstances you ought specially  
to Enact them de novo, or such part of them as you think  
proper for you: and happy would it be for you all to Conduct  
Yourselves accordingly.

What Laws Rules Customs and Usages are Undoubted  
certain, constantly adhered to and known among you, far  
be it from me to Attempt to Alter but for the Comon good at  
your own request in Generall Assembly legally Convened any  
more than I will Submit any Alteration to be made, by the  
opinions or Resolutions of others.

In all your Debates let me recommend to you Gentlemen  
of both Houses, Temper, Moderation and good will towards  
one another of which I perceive from your late Journalls p. 7  
something was wanting, in the Dispute relating to the Al-  
lowances due to the Councill of State; A Body of Men Chose  
out of the Ablest & Worthyest amongst you, to serve the pub-  
lick, and as such have found their Reward from the Countrey,  
long before, and since the Act of Assembly, by which the  
Twelve pence p hogshead was raised towards the maintaining  
the Dignity and Station of my Lieutenant Governour, and  
for such other uses as to me should seem meet; At the making  
of which Act it was not so much as Surmised, that their Sup-  
port should come from me, and had it been Expressed I would  
have Dissented thereto: I know what I part with by that Act  
as well as what I receive from it, yet am Contented with it,  
since for the Common good I have allowed it, and hope I shall  
not be drove by the Mistaken good husbandry of some to look  
so far into my own Interest, as to shew Them their mistake  
for fear of hurting others, whom they represent, The good  
People of Maryland, whose Welfare and Interest I have so  
much at heart.

C. B.

After which his Hon<sup>r</sup> the Governour was pleased to speak  
to the Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses as follows

Gentlemen of both Houses of Assembly.

I am heartily Sorry his Lordships Speech did not come to  
my hands sooner; Because I am perswaded, it must have pre-  
vented all those Disputes about the Statutes of England and  
the Great Expence those Disputes have Cost the Countrey.

It is very certain that many of those Statutes, not restrained  
by words of Locall Limitation, would be prejudiciall to us  
were they to take place here, some of which his Lordship