

U. H. J. Col<sup>o</sup> John Ward and M<sup>r</sup> Marmaduke Tilden attend with  
p. 16 M<sup>r</sup> Philip Kennard a member Elected for Kent County to see  
him Qualified.

Whereupon the said Philip takes the Oaths to the Governm<sup>t</sup>  
Appointed by Act of Assembly and subscribes the Oath of  
Abjuration and Test according to the direccon of the said Act  
& withdrew

The Petition of John Kersey a languishing Prisoner in  
Baltimore County Goal and the Petition of John Dorsey of  
the said County being read were ordered severally to be thus  
Endorsed viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly Octo<sup>r</sup> the 11<sup>th</sup> 1725

The within Petition being read is referred to the Consider-  
ation of the Lower House.

Signed p order Geo Plater Cl Up Ho.

Sent down to the Lower House by Benjamin Tasker Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Who returns and says he Delivered them.

This House by John Hall Esq<sup>r</sup> present his Honour the Gov-  
ernour with their Answer to his Speech made to them and the  
Lower House of Assembly in the Councill Chamber at the  
Opening of this Sessions which Answer is as follows viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly Octo<sup>r</sup> the 11<sup>th</sup> 1725  
May it please Yo<sup>r</sup> Honour

We Tender our most sincere Thanks to your Honour for  
your kind Speech to us at the opening of this general As-  
sembly

We are very sensible of what great Weight and concern the  
Affair of the English Statutes which Your Honour has so  
kindly Recommended to our Consideration, is to this province;  
and as we are Satisfied nothing can Conduce more to the pub-  
lick Welfare of the Country then a Concurrence of both Houses  
in Matters of [so] Great an Importance so we shall not only  
p. 17 on this but all other Occasions readily Joyn with the Lower  
House in any Effectual Proper measures whereby we may  
Come to a true Understanding of Our Constitutions.

We also give yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>r</sup> our most hearty thanks for the very  
great trouble you have been at joyn'd with yo<sup>r</sup> good Intentions  
to procure Justice from the Shuano Indians to the Proprietors  
of those Negroes detained by them and to prevent by  
treaty the like Inconveniencies for the future, which we have  
reason to hope will be happily accomodated, before the Close  
of the Assembly by your Hon<sup>rs</sup> means.