

U. H. J. Sent down by Phil Lee Esq^r Who returns and says he delivered it

p. 24 His Honour the Governour lays before this House his Lordships Dissent to An Act of Assembly, relating to the Convicts which followeth in these words viz.

(Seal)

C. Baltimore Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c^a to our Right Trusty and well beloved Charles Calvert Esq^r our Lieutenant Governour of our said Province of Maryland and to our right trusty and well beloved the Upper and Lower Houses of our General Assembly there, and to all others of our said Province of Maryland for the time being Greeting

Whereas at a Sessions of Assembly begun and held in our Province of Maryland the 23 day of September and Ending the 26th day of October in the Eighth year of our Dominion over the said Province Annoq Domini 1723 An Act passed Entituled an Act to prevent the great Evills ariseing by the Importation of Convicts into this Province and for the better discovery of such when Imported,

And Whereas it hath been represented unto us that the said Act may and will in a great Measure disable the Contractor with the Government of England for Transporting of Felons to his Maj^{ties} Plantations from performing his said Contract and that the said Act does in great Measure destroy the intent of the Acts of Parliam^t made for that purpose in England And their Excellencys the Lords Justices in Council having last August disallowed an Act of the like nature in his Majestys Collony of Virginia, we on due Consideracon of the
p. 25 aforesaid Act made in Maryland, have thought fit to Dissent to the same, and do hereby Declare the said Act to be Null Void and of no Effect.

Given Under our hand and Seal at Arms at London the 8th day of June in the Ninth Year of our Dominion over the said Province of Maryland Annoq Dni 1724.

C. B.

As also his Honours letter relating to the said Dissent viz.

To the Hon^{ble} the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly Gentlemen.

You will with this receive his Lordships Dissent to our Act of Assembly relating to Convicts (which I Caused to be