

U. H. J. and Create a pleasing Harmony in all the parts of the Gov-  
p. 117 ernment.

We acknowledge yo<sup>r</sup> Lordships Goodness, as well in the great care and pains which you have been pleased to take in Informing the Houses of Assembly, of the Opinion of the Court and the practice of the Lawyers with regard to the Extent of the English Statutes to his Majestys Plantations as also in your Lordships Seasonable Advice in recommending Temper Moderation and good will in the members of both Houses towards one another, and we heartily wish that such a Temper might always prevail amongst us. My Lord we are very sensibly afflicted that our unhappy Debates (unhappy we call them, because of the great heat and invidious reflections which have been cast upon yo<sup>r</sup> Lordships Upper house as Enemys to the peoples liberty) which have arisen between the houses upon the Subject of the English Statutes should have given Your Lordship so much trouble as appears in Your Lordships Speech to have been taken upon that head, and yet without any the least prospect of that Success which your Lordship might possibly expect in the Affair for the house of Delegates are still very Sanguin upon the Affirmative and insist Strenuously that the English Statutes are Convey'd to the People of this Province by the Terms of their Charter of Maryland Notwithstanding the Collections made and published in your Lordships Speech of sundry Negative Authoritys among which the resolution of the Judges in the Case of Blankard and Galdy and his Majestys Disallowance of the Jamaica Act we Conceive to be the Principall. But these  
p. 118 two cases my Lord as your Upper House apprehend relate particularly to the Island of Jamaica, which Island altho one of his Maj<sup>ties</sup> plantations Yet being a Conquered Countrey (as allowed in yo<sup>r</sup> Lordships Speech) Seems to us to differ very much from the Condition of Maryland as to what relates to the Extent of the English Statutes; and Consequently that those determinacons mentioned in your Lordships Speech, may not affect Maryland in a like degree with the Inhabitants of Jamaica, which is known to be a Conquest made long ago upon the Spaniards the first Christian Inhabitants of that place, whereas the People of Maryland are a free English Colony, licensed to goe abroad and plant a certain Country for the Improvement of the British trade for the Enlargem<sup>t</sup> of her Dominions.

But we must Acknowledge likewise that if Some of the English Statutes which seem to be calculated to the peculiar Circumstances of the Realm of England, should be Enforced to take place here; they would be destructive even of that