

L. H. J. tained in the Custody of the Sheriff of the said County [having been] taken on Saturday last at the Suit of a party,

Ordered that the Sergeant attendant to this House bring the Sheriff of the said County before the House to answer  
p. 201 Contempt herein and that he Immediately discharge the said Coll<sup>o</sup> Herman from the Arrest he is now under that he may attend the Busieness of the House.

The Petition of Thomas Topping a prisoner for Debt in Calvert County Goal was read and Rejected

Resolved that what printed Copies of the pceedings of the Lower House &c<sup>a</sup> Remains more than are already Delivered to the Severall members of both Houses be applyed to the use of the publisher.

The Answer to his Honour the Governour's Speech prepared by the Comittee of Laws was read & approved of and ordered to be Entred as follows Viz.

To the Honourable Charles Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> Governour of Maryland.

The Humble Address of the Lower House of Assembly  
May it please your Honour

We beg your acceptance of our thanks for your obliging Speech at the opening this Sessions, and are Sorry his L<sup>pps</sup> had not come Sooner to hand that we might have given it a more Imediate Answer ; but are not without hopes of Shewing yo<sup>r</sup> Honour Sufficient Reasons before the Conclusion of this Sessions, to induce yo<sup>r</sup> Honour to believe, That the Resolves of this House, relating to the Statutes of England are too well Grounded to be departed from, for any the Reasons that yet appear to us. But this being a matter that will require our particular Answer when we go upon the consideration of what is Communicated to us from his L<sup>pp</sup> We hope your Hono<sup>r</sup> will Excuse us at present from being more particular on that Subject.

We Gratefully acknowledge your Honours Care to provide against the Inconveniencies of Runaway Negroes and shall be ready to do any [thing] on our parts, to render your kind Endeavours Effectuall and as well in that as any other the matters proposed, that may happen to be debated among us, We shall shew our Regard to your Honours Kind Monitions, as well as the Sense we have of our own duty by demeaning ourselves as you are pleased to recomend

October the 8<sup>th</sup> 1725

R: Ungle, Speaker

Coll<sup>o</sup> Tilghman from the Upper House delivers M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the petition of Alexander Contee, Gent, praying leave to bring