

L. H. J. for our Entreating Your Honour to be Referred to the further advice of your Council in the Subject Matter treated of, who having fully debated it, and Concurr'd with us therein, may more fully Satisfy you, and with more Ease by way of Conversation than can be Expected from us by way of Address.

And as the Chief end of all parliamentary privilege is to apply properly for the Redress of Grievances that happen to the people whether through Mistakes in the Administration of Justice or otherwise we should but poorly Answer the End of our Institution and Election if we should be wanting in this weighty part, and it is to your Honour in Such Case we are Immediately to Apply and therefore we desire Your Honour to Consider that all the Rights and Priviledges granted to us by Charter, and the Benefit of all those Acts of our own we have from time to time at Vast Expence been making are Rendered Useless & unserviceable to us, unless you are pleas'd to Appoint such Magistrates to Administer them to the People as are well Inclin'd, as well as Sworn so to do. The Province is Yet too Young to have great Choice of Men, duly Qualified for the Magisteriall Offices, and therefore we the more Zealously Address Your Honour, not to deprive any part of our Country of such Magistrates as have been generally well approved therein. It is Impossible for Your Honour or any Supreme Magistrate to Judge of all their Subordinates from their own personall knowledge of the Men, and therefore it has been the Wisdom of Your Predecessors, to Advise with their Council of State and in Assembly

p. 63 Times with the Severall Representatives who they were that were best Qualified in their Respective Counties to fill such Vacancies as might Happen in the Severall Seats of Judicature. These were found by Experience to be happy Rules of Choice to the People, and we doubt not they would be found pleasing and agreeable to Your Honour.

We observe by his Lordships Speech Communicated to us this Sessions that his Lordship seems not to depart from his Instruction of 19th March 1722 wherein he is pleased amongst other things to direct you, Not only [not] to Admitt of any such practice (as to a New English Statute to operate here) to take place in Maryland but even to discountenance any Doubts Concerning the same, and we are apprehensive that Your Honour Esteems Your Self obliged to Act thereby. This may it please Your Honour we are the Rather Induced to believe from an Enquiry we have made this Sessions of the Justices of Ann Arrundell County, who have been sworn to two new Commissions long since the Resolution and Con-