

L. H. J. I will maintain the King and My Lord Proprietors Prerogative.

I will Support you in your Rights and Priviledges, and I do not Intend to alter our old forms of Judicature without the Consent of both Houses, in a Parliamentary Way.

Cha: Calvert

Gentlemen.

I cannot help taking particular Notice, of that part of your address, Relating to the Justices of Ann Arrundell County, because it seems design'd to Reflect upon me. I did meet the Justices at M^r Bowes House, I did Inform them of the Statute of the fourth of our Present Sovereign Relating to Convicts, and I did Command the Justices to obey it, and whoever will not do so, flies in the face of his Majesty's Authority.

I am afraid some Evil Spirits walk among us, and it would be matter of Great pleasure to such, to have your house and me att Variance, but for my own part, I defye the Devill and his Works to do it, and Shall use those most Excellent Words in the Litany, "Abate their pride, Asswage their Malice, and Confound their Devices."

I am Gentlemen

Your Very hum^{ble} Serv^t Cha: Calvert

Thereupon the following Message is prepared, viz:

To the Hono^{ble} the Lieu^t Governour

May it please Your Honour.

p. 79 Your Honours decla[ra]tion that you will Maintain his Majesty's and his Lordships Prerogative is no less Endearing to us than that of Supporting our own Rights and priviledges. We Cannot Expect to be protected in the one without the prosperity and good Success of the other which we shall ever Chearfully do our Endeavours to promote; and Inseperable from these is, in our most humble Opinion, the Continuance of our old forms of Judicature, which we are therefore the more Solicitous to preserve. The Judges Oath is Essentiall to this, and the Old form tho full in substance, we find to be too Generall in its Expressions not to be Misunderstood by some who take it, and we take it to be for this Reason that both Houses of Assembly Last Sessions Concurr'd in a more Expressive form, agreeable to the true Intent of the Old one and more Conformable to the Oath of Judges in England as directed by Statute; but whether this Concurrence were such a parliamentary assent of both