

U. H. J. Acknowledging our Just sence of His Lordships good Intentions towards the People of this Province in haveing Directed that Pre-rogative and Priviledge within their Just Limits should be made the Rule of your Excellencys administration; A Rule indeed which of all others is the best suited to an English Constitution and now made so much the Dearer to us by your Excellencys firm Resolucon (declared in your speech) to pay a strict Obedience to those Equal Commands which we hope will be sufficient to Convince the good People of this Province that His Lordship has no intention to do any thing in Prejudice of their Liberties and Priviledges.

For as His Lordships Interests are Inseperably interwoven with the best and most advanced State of Prosperity in this his Province of Maryland, and as Affluence and great Increase of Riches therein is the sure means of adding to the Honour and Magnificency of his most Illustrious family, it looks like a kind of Infatuation in some People to suspect him Capable of such Ungenerous Views as would prove either inconsistent with or Destructive of the Rights priviledges or Propertys of the good people thereof.

Wherefore we do not in the least doubt the Lord Proprietarys kind intentions to Grant whatever is fitting for us to Desire of him, and we take leave to Assure your Excellency that we have not any reason to Question His Lordships Sincere Endeavours to make us Easy and happy in our Circumstances, of which we have allready had so many repeated Instances that nothing but an Insuperable diffidence can resist so Evident a truth; a fresh Instance whereof we have lately received in his sending your Excellency his so near Relation to Govern us, of whose Goodness and prudence we have so Promising a Prospect that we are induced to believe your Administration will highly Conduce to the Prosperity of this Province soe happily settled and Improved by the Incouragement of His Lordships Noble Ancestors.

Subscribed by all the members Present

To which his Excellency made the following Reply

Gentlemen

I Return you my sincerest thanks for your obligeing Address and as my principall View is the Welfare of this Province I shall always desire your Advice and Assistance towards fixing its Prosperity on the surest foundations

Benedict Leonard Calvert

Ordered that the said Address with his Excellency's reply be forthwith Printed.

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning nine of the Clock.