

We shall carefully and maturely Consider the Virginia Act for U. H. J. erecting a Light House upon Cape Henry when your Excellency shall be pleased to lay it before us together with what you have been pleased to Observe relating to the Staple of Tobacco and therein and in every matter or thing (else) which shall come under our Consideration endeavour to Act in such manner as may be most Conducive to the preservation of his Lordships Interest and prerogative the Constitution Laws and Customs of this Province and the Common good & Welfare of the Inhabitants thereof.

It is with great Concern we Observe what your Excellency has been pleased to say relating to your own person but hope nothing of that distrust of your profess'd Sincerity which you are pleased to mention can be imputed to our House or any one member thereof on the Contrary we Unanimously take leave to Assure your Excellency that it is with pleasure we Constantly observe you Acting with great Concern for the common good & we do sincerely believe that you really intend the publick Welfare with as Great Affection as any of your noble Ancestors.

We will at all times carefully Avoid Offering anything to your Excellency which we have reason to believe may justly merit a denial but if at any time a difference of Opinion happens between your Excellency & our House or any of the members of it about Controverted points we Intreat that you will not impute it to sinister Designs or any Diffidence in us of your Sincerity for the publick good but rather to the Fallible nature of mankind which is not always capable of Infallibly discerning truth from whence often arises Contentions and a pursuit of the same good end by different methods

We are very sorry for your Excellencys Indisposition but hope it will not long Continue and that you may enjoy such a State of Health as will Induce you long to remain amongst Us and by a continued Impartial Administration of Government convince Distrustful minds (if any such there be) of your Sincere Intentions to promote the common good for which may you receive a General Applause and the Grateful Acknowledgments of all the Good People of this Province of Maryland

Which Address was Subscribed by all the members present

To which his Excellency was pleased to make the following Reply

Gentlemen

My Sincerest thanks Attend your very Affectionate Address your Resolution to support the mutual rights of Government and People by the Secure Rule of the Royal Charter as it is most just I think I cannot fail Giving universal Satisfaction his Lordships p. 345