

province where Proclamations have been issued by the Governor U. H. J. & Council prohibiting the Exportation of Corn (as often as the necessity of the Country required it) and it is obvious to all the Inhabitants at the time when the proclamations above protested against were Issued there was the greatest necessity to prevent the Exportation of Corn it being so very scarce that most Families in the Country have suffered very much for want of it notwithstanding the exportation was prevented & had the prohibition been delayed till an Assembly could have been called it would have been too late to prevent the Exportation and in all likelihood many of the Inhabitants of this Province would have perished for want or would have been obliged to remove themselves and Families to neighbouring Colonies besides we are of Opinion that that part of his Lordships Charter which relates to Ordinances seem to warrant such Proclamations. p. 391

Sign'd p Order Geo. Plater Cl Up Ho.

Philip Lee Esq^r appointed in a Committee to draw up an Address to his Excellency presents the same to the House which being read & approved of is as follows viz.

To his Excellency Benedict Leonard Calvert Governor of Maryland.

The humble Address of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly

May it please your Excellency

From a Sence of your Excellencys ready disposition to the Welfare and prosperity of this province we have the greatest Reason to hope of your Excellencys kind Acceptance of this Application

The General Consent of the Provinces being reduced into the most deplorable Circumstances by the miserable Condition in which our Staple of Tobacco is at present has engaged the two Houses of Assembly by their duty to their country to endeavour the retrieving of the province from such a State which no true lover of it can view without the utmost Anguish In this Bill regard a Bill for the Improvement of the Staple of Tobacco has passed the two Houses but here we must beg leave to express our Surprize and concern that any particular set of persons should not only think themselves Injured by being included in such Bill in the same proportion and in Common with the rest of the Inhabitants but also have not been wanting in Attempts to frustrate the good designs & Intentions of the Legislators

We shall always readily show our Difference and respect to the Order & Ministry of the Clergy nor can we think we have acted in any manner Inconsistent with these our Professions by obliging the