

U. H. J. Read the Petition of Christopher Gardiner a languishing Prisoner in Baltemore County and ordered to be thus Endorsed

By the Upper House of Assembly 11<sup>th</sup> July 1729

Read and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly

Signed p Order John Ross Cl Up Ho.

Sent to the Lower house by Jn<sup>o</sup> Hall Esq<sup>r</sup> who returns & says he delivered it.

The Honourable Edward Henry Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> attended by the rest of the Members of this House wait upon His Excellency the Gov<sup>r</sup> and present to Him their Answer to his most favourable Speech to both Houses of Assembly at the Opening of the Session which is as follows viz.

To His Excellency Benedict Leonard Calvert Governor & Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland

The humble Address of the Upper House of Assembly

May it please your Excellency

p. 5 As it is not to be doubted but the publick Good of all British Colonies, more especially with Regard to their Proceedings in Legislation is best carried on and most successfully propagated when Loyalty, Moderation and Justice are allowed to be the Basis of their most weighty Considerations: We therefore the members of the Upper House of Assembly in a just Sense of your Excellency's Goodness acknowledge it to be a convincing Evidence of your great Concern & tender Regards for the Prosperity of this Province that you have been pleased upon the Opening of this Session to recommend the Practice of Virtues so eminently perspicuous in themselves and so universally approved of for the Attainment of all those good Ends and Purposes to which this present Meeting in Assembly is particularly designed

And We do with a great deal of Pleasure assure your Excellency that We His Lordships faithful Tenants who have the Honour to sit in this House are fully resolved to confine Ourselves to those Paths in your Excellencys kind Speech pointed out to us, and that we will endeavour to make right Reason and a Calm Reflection upon things the Standard of all our Proceedings

Your Excellencys Proposal of a Limitation in Time to Suits in Appeal from the Court of Chancery, and also of the necessity of vesting sufficient Powers in the Person of the senior Councillor present for determining Causes in Appeal, and whatever may be de-