

Read the first time in this house & Ordered to lye on the Table U. H. J.

His Excellency the Governor is pleased to Communicate to this House a Letter of his to the Lower house, which being read, the Honble Edward Henry Calvert attended by all the members of this House present carries the same to the Lower house, which Letter follows in these Words

Gentⁿ of the Lower house of Assembly

On Perusal of your printed Votes, I was affected with a sensible Pleasure, when I met with your Resolution to offer me, three half pence $\text{p } \text{hh}^{\text{d}}$ as an Earnest of your Good Will: But your succeeding Votes in Relation thereto, may naturally appear a Ridicule on any Pretensions I have to your Esteem, an Evasion of your seemingly proffered Good Will, and an Affront peculiarly levelled at me, which I shall endeavour to explain to you in the following Manner.

From time almost out of mind, the Good People of this Province have expressed Kindness & Respect to their Governors, by a ready Present to them of Three half pence $\text{p } \text{hh}^{\text{d}}$ during their Term of Government; which indeed bespoke a most generous Confidence in them, & well became their Pretensions to the Name & free Nature of Englishmen

After such a Continued Regard paid by the Country, to their successive Governors, His Lordship in tender Consideration of the Earnest Application made to him, to promote the Encouragement of the Free Schools, & judging it difficult to get the Penny p Pound, appropriated to your own Provincial Use therein, by a remarkable Instance of Generosity condescended to apply half of Three pence $\text{p } \text{hh}^{\text{d}}$ to the schools, which before was used to be settled on the Governor

I am well assured, His Lordship never intended by such a Concession, that the succeeding Governors should appear with less Honour tho with less Profit among you, yet did the Country give p. 55 that to my worthy Predecess^r for Three Years, which by his Lordship was never expected to be rendered on Terms of less Honour & Confidence than during the Time of His Government; Such a Return to an Indulgent Proprietary may have been overlooked, but can never be justified

Yet such was but a Dawn of an Ensuing Day, wherein Slights & Disregards to His Lordship and His Family, were to appear in the full Gloom of dark Envy & unreasonable Malevolence, the unhappy Produce of some few discontented minds, thereto I have Reason to think myself destined a remarkable Sacrifice. From Three pence $\text{p } \text{hh}^{\text{d}}$, in Generous Confidence, given to former Governors, during their Time of Government, and afterwards reduced to three half pence, for the scanty Term of Three Years, Your Re-