

U. H. J. solves now reach the Superlative Degree of disregard; Three half pence ꝑ hh^d for One Years term, to his Lordships Brother, presumptive Heir & Governor, out of a far extended View of His Good Government, is, indeed, an Offer so new, that you yourselves have omitted, or are unable to account for

As therefore, your Reasons for it are not apparent, or attendant on your Votes, I may too easily fear a Construction thereon may be put injurious to my Reputation: For, who will imagine, that I should bear the Marks of a publick Resentment, had I not by Injustice & Oppression, merited the most consummate ill Will of this Province.

I expect therefore from your favourable Justice, what can only make me a suitable Reparation, by puting my Reputation, as Governor, beyond the Reach of such (I hope) unmerited Imputations, that you will reassume that Subject into your just & serious Consideration; & either let me appear in the Honourable Robe of publick Good Will, which I sincerely desire, or make known to me, the Province & the whole World, wherein I deserve Usage, only due to an Oppressor or Enemy of the Good People of Maryland

Benedict Leonard Calvert

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight of the Clock.

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Saturday morning 2^d August 1729

This house met again according to Adjournment

Present as yesterday

The following Message being prepared is sent to the Lower house by John Hall Esq^r Coll Ward & Philip Lee Esq^r

By the Upper house of Assembly 2^d August 1729

Gentlemen

On Considering your Message of 22^d of July last, by Coll Herman & M^r Turbutt, relating to the Bill for raising a Duty of Three pence ꝑ hh^d on Tobacco exported out of this Province, for the Uses therein mentioned, We observe, that you do not offer any Reasons, why you cannot consent to the passing that Bill, with a longer Continuance than for One year only: And as Our preceeding Governors have had the Gratuity from the Country, at least for three years, & generally during the Continuance of their Govern^t We think Ourselves obliged to shew the same, if not a greater Respect, to His Excellency, our present Governor, in Regard of his near Relation to Our Proprietary, & his own Merit; & therefore