

Eodem Die post Meridiem

U. H. J.

This house met again according to adjournment

Present as in the morning

His Excellency the Governor is pleased to communicate to this house the Address of the Lower house presented to him on Saturday last in the Conference Chamber by M<sup>r</sup> Speaker attended by the whole house, which Address is in the following Words

To the Honourable Benedict Leonard Calvert Governor  
of the Province of Maryland

The humble Address of the house of Delegates

May it please Your Honour

Your Honours Message to this house on the first Instant hath obliged us to take into Consideration the matters contained therein, & to give Your Honour in this manner the sense we have had, in Relation to our Conduct, which, you are pleased to mention, appears in Our Votes

As We were; & still are very well satisfied, & shall always assert that the levying money in this Province in all Cases is the undoubted Right of the People; We thought it improper to have continued the benevolence of the People for the same term as it formerly was, when Circumstances concerning that matter were different at different times, for the Bill mentioned in your Honours Message generally attended the Bill for ascertaining the Gauge & Tare of Tobacco hogsheads &c And as that Bill passed this house only for One year We accordingly proposed the other Bill for the same Term

But since Your Honour appears to be alarmed, as if the Bill for p. 64  
three pence  $\tau$  hogshead continuing only for One Year might be intended as an Affront peculiarly levelled at your Honour, And that the publick good Will of this Province towards your Honour may be made known to yourself, the Province and the whole World; We beg Leave to assure your Honour that such Proceeding was not intended as a mark of publick Resentment, or injurious to your Reputation, and for that Reason We have been willing to give a Demonstration of such our Intention, by a Resolution of this house to Continue the s<sup>d</sup> Act of Three pence  $\tau$  hh<sup>d</sup> for three years

Having this Opportunity We cannot in Justice to those we represent, forbear the mention of what the People of this Province have conceived a hardship & Difficulty, And which is, the necessity of paying at & after the Rate of Ten shillings Sterling  $\tau$  hundred in Cash for all fees in Tobacco due to the Chancellor of this Province especially since no Regulation hath been made different from the fees settled & allowed to the Chancellor in the Year One thousand seven hundred & four