

U. H. J. This Representation We with more than ordinary Cheerfulness make from a firm Belief, that your Honour will not only in this but in every other matter, wherein any kindness can be shew'd by your Honour to the Inhabitants of this Province, give such Directions as may be the most proper for the Ease & Satisfaction of them

Signed by Order of the house ꝑ Jn^o Mackall Speaker
2^d August 1729

To the foregoing Address his Excellency pleased to return the foll^g Answer

Gentlemen of the Lower house

It is a great Satisfaction to me, to find by your Address that the Votes of your house therein referred to, were not intended as any particular Disregard to me. I thank you for the tender you make of your benevolence for the term of three years, which is indeed the least I could accept of with Honour. I am a Stranger to the present Impropriety you mention, of dispensing the Benevolence of the People, for the more generous & honble Term of during Government; I know not wherein the Circumstances of the present differ from those of former Times, as to that matter, unless it be that I appear less concerned for the publick Good than heretofore Governors have been, or that you are a little lukewarm in Respect of your
p. 65 Predecessors, in the Points of Confidence and Generosity Leaving the latter to be by you supplied, if you can be conscious therein, I shall proceed to remove the least appearing Difference on my Part, & readily answer your Wishes, by ordering the Chancellors fees to be taken in Tobacco, as you seem to desire: And be assured that I agreeably indulge my own Inclination, when I can shew any kindness to the Inhabitants of Maryland

Benedict Leonard Calvert

Which is Carried to the Lower house by the Honourable Edward Henry Calvert attended by all the Members of this House present.

An Engrossed Bill from the Lower house by M^r Harris & three others Entituled an Act for raising a Duty of three pence ꝑ hh^d on all Tobacco exported out of this Province for the uses therein mentioned; thus subscribed

4th August 1729

Read & assented to by the Lower house of Assembly

Signed ꝑ Order M: Macnemara Cl Lo. Ho.

Read & assented to by this house & ordered to be so subscribed, the Paper bill so Endorsed is sent to the Lower house by Coll Ward.