

of these happy tideings by Proclaiming his Present Majesty here U. H. J. in the most Solemn and decent manner Our Circumstances of time and Place could admitt off. Wherein I hope for your approbacon and likewise your Concurrance in an address to his Majesty to be Presented by our Lord Proprietary with our due Acknowledgments of the Divine blessing in his Majestys happy Accession to the Throne of his Ancestors.

Gentlemen, as I am now addressing myself to the Representative body of the People of this Province I cannot omitt the Return of my sincerest thanks to them for the kind Reception I have hitherto found in this Province, it has Imprinted in my mind the most favourable Ideas of a People Loyal to their King, Dutyfull to their Lord Propy and benevolent to my self; may this happy disposition towards Your King and Proprietary ever Continue among you, inasmuch as it will secure to you his Majesty's Royall Protection, and his Lordships kindest Indulgence on all occasions; as for myself their unworthy Representative here, I have had little time as yet to meritt your favourable Consideracon of me, But if a Perpetual Attachment to your Interest and uninterrupted Endeavours for your welfare may Justly Intitle me to It, I hope not to be defeated of the Reward I have soe principally in my View the fair Opinion and Esteem of the good People of Maryland.

As you are now mett in Assembly to Consult the Publick Good, let the Service of Almighty God and the Honour of his holy Religion be your first and Chiefest Care, That true Religious Worship and the Vertues becoming the Profession of Christianity may be Established amongst us.

In the Consideration of your Civill Interest the Present Ill state of the Staple of this Province may require your utmost Attention, and happily some method may be found out to render it more beneficiall to us the Merchants at home Complain of our Shipping Tobacco soe late in the year and the Slavery imposed on their sailors p. 3 by being obliged to Role it from farr to the Watersides from hence they observe that their Ships bye here subject for many months to the Injury of the worm, Their sailors undergoe such Fatigue from the Excess of heat and labour, that if not lessened in number they are at least abated in their ability to work the Ships home, and that their Ships arrive on the English Coast in a Stormy and Dangerous Season, If these Inconveniencies attend them in their Shipping they must in course entail others on us, Leaky Ships and bad Weather must Damage our Tobacco, want of able hands endanger the loss of it, and tho it arrive in Safety yet comes to a late Markett which is Generally a bad one, Your own Interest will Suggest to you better than I am able the proper Remedies to such evils.

Gentlemen you in your Several Countys have had the nearest