

Read the first time in this House and ordered to Lye on the Table. U. H. J.

The following Message being prepared is sent to the lower House by John Rousby Esq<sup>r</sup>

By the Upper House of Assembly 4<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1731

Gentlemen.

This House hath Nominated John Rousby Benjamin Tasker & Philip Lee Esq<sup>r</sup> to Joyn the Members Appointed by Your House on a Conference as proposed by Your Message of this day by Major King & Col Ennals who are ready to attend Imediately

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Signed p Order John Ross Cl. Up. Ho.

John Rousby Esq<sup>r</sup> from the Committee of both Houses Reports to this House that the Conferees cannot Agree upon the Subject matter they went upon.

The Honourable Charles Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> Attended by M<sup>r</sup> Speaker & the Members of both Houses present their Joint Address to His Excellency the Governour in the Councill Room.

To His Excellency Benedict Leonard Calvert Esquire Governour of Maryland The Humble Address of the Upper & Lower Houses of Assembly.

May it please Yo<sup>r</sup> Excellency,

We have taken into Consideration the two Queries Transmitted by the Right Honoble the Lords Commissioners for Trade & Plantations to your Excellency which you Communicated to the Assembly at the Opening of this Sessions, Viz. What Trade this Province has with any fforeign Plantations or any part of Europe besides Great Brittain; How such Trade is carried on; what Commodities the People of this Province Send to or receive from foreign Plantations, What the Naturall produce of the Country Staple, Comodities & Manufactures besides Tobacco are, and what Value thereof may be Annually Exported And beg leave to observe to your Excellency that for want of an Opportunity to Examine the books & Entries of the Officers of the Customs we cannot be so particular in our Information to your Excellency as you desire or we wish to be: But in Generall we can assure Your Excellency that we have taken all the Measures we could to be Informed: And that there are but

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very few Trading Vessells belonging to the Inhabitants of this Province severall Counties (of the Twelve whereof the Province consists) have not one Trading Vessell belonging to them; That we could not learn that more than one small Vessell has gone from this Province (belonging to the Inhabitants thereof) to any of the foreign Sugar Plantations: A few Vessells have gone to Madeira & other