

A Petition of Anthony Parker praying releasement from Charles L. H. J. County Gaol read & Ordered a bill be brought in according to prayer

John Rousby Esq^r from the Upper House Delivered M^r Speaker the Petition of the Vestrymen & Church Wardens of William and Mary's Parish in Charles County. Indorsed thus, [The text of the indorsement is printed at page 375.]

Which Petition was read here and referred to the Consideration of the next Assembly.

The Bill Entituled an Act Ascertainig the form of the Oath of Judge or Justice was read the second time and passed and sent to the Upper House by M^r Beale and Twenty four more, p. 368

They return and Acquaint M^r Speaker they Delivered the same.

M^r Dulany brought in the Address to the Governour concerning the Libells; Ingrossed,

The Address was in these words Viz.

To His Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq^r Governour of Maryland. The humble Address of the Lower House of Assembly.

May it please your Excellency.

It is with the greatest Concern we Acquaint you that some persons We hope and believe very obscure & Inconsiderable ones have presumed to Address a great Number of Infamous & Scandalous Libles (which We have unanimously Voted to be of pernicious Consequences) to Several Members of this House highly reflecting on the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary your Excellency and the Legislature.

To Insinuate that your Excellency had any Sinister Views in Suppressing the Late Riotous proceedings which had they been Suffered to gone on, would very Probably have compleated the ruin of the Country, is such a Demonstration of the Malice and folly of these Libellers as at once Arises our Indignation and Contempt; And we Embrace this occasion to Assure your Excellency that as We have the most Grateful Sense of your just and prudent Conduct in taking the Early and proper Measures you did to Secure the peace and Property of the People of Maryland, so we have the Greatest Abhorrence and Detestation of any Attempts to Misrepresent you or to Create any jealousy or Difference between your Excellency and the Legislature, And to the End that the Authors of these Libels may be brought to Condign Punishment and others Deterred from such pernicious practices, We request your Excellency to take the most proper and Effectual Measures by Offering a reward or otherwise for the Discovery of them and that M^r Attorney General may have Directions to prosecute them when Discovered according to the Utmost Rigour of the Law.