

A Message from the Lower House by Coll^o Fendall

U. H. J.

By the Lower House of Assembly 22^d May 1730

May it please your Honours

This house in Order to Expedite the Publick Affairs hath Resolved to sit from Eight of the Clock in the forenoon until Twelve and from Two in the Afternoon until Six during this Session, and desires to know if the time proposed be agreeable to Your Honours

Signed p Order M: Macnemara Cl. Lo. Ho.

Adjourned till Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Eodem Die Post Meridiem

This House met again according to Adjournment

Present as in the Morning

The Honourable Charles Calvert Esq. attended by the rest of the Members of this House wait upon his Excellency the Governour and present to him their Answer to His most favourable Speech to both Houses of Assembly at the Opening of the Session which is as follows Viz.

To His Excellency Benedict Leonard Calvert Governour and Commander in Chief in and Over the Province of Maryland.

The humble address of the Upper House of Assembly

May it Please Your Excellency

The great Regard for the Publick Weal of this Province, which Your Excellency is pleased to Express in Your kind Speech to both Houses of Assembly, at the Opening of this Session is so very agreeable to us, the Members of His Lordships Upper House of Assembly, that We do in the most grateful manner acknowledge p. 7 the Just Sense We have of your Excellency's Wise and prudent Conduct in Convening the Assembly at a Conjuncture, when the Melancholly and languishing Circumstances of Our People, by the low price of the Staple of Tobacco, and when our Neighbours of Virginia are using their greatest Efforts towards an Improvement thereof, calls loudly upon the Legislature to fall upon proper ways and means for preventing impending mischiefs, by concerting such measures, in Relation to the Growth and Manufacture of Tobacco, as may Effectually advance the Trade and Staple thereof in both Colonies

We must confess ourselves to be under so much the greater Obligation to Your Excellency at this time, that your great and sore Affliction, upon the Death of your Brother our late President and Commissary General, hath not Obstructed your Care and Solitude