

U. H. J. By the Upper house of Assembly 8<sup>th</sup> April 1736

Gentlemen

Our very great Regard to those Gentlemen whom the People of Maryland think fit to choose as their Representatives in Assembly, easily prevails with us to endeavour to put the best Construction on what comes from your house; but we must own Ourselves very much at a loss how to reconcile your Message of 22<sup>d</sup> April 1735 in the Close of last Sessions with your Message of this Day by M<sup>r</sup> King and Others; In the first You are pleased to tell the House “ You cannot now (that is then) agree to the Allowances claimed as a Council of State,” And by the last Message “ You say you cannot agree to the making the Allowance ” so that although by the Message last Session you plainly intimated you should be willing at some other time to make those Allowances, yet by the Message of this Session you not only persist in your refusal to allow them, but also do not think fit to acquaint us when you will agree to them: This house either last Session or at present little expected you would make the Word (now) of so little Importance, and We cannot but hope that you will on further Consideration be of Opinion that something was meant by it especially since this house relying on the natural Import of that Word signified by their Message of 22<sup>d</sup> of the same April their Willingness to forbear any further Dispute at that

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We hope you will receive in good Part our Expression of great Concern and Surprize at your Argument in your Message of this Day drawn from Our resting under a Refusal of the s<sup>d</sup> Allowance for a Great Length of time: We readily presume it was not your Intention by those Words to stirr this house up to a vigorous asserting what is justly due to the Council of State; but however they convince us how dangerous It is to deferr any longer supporting with the utmost Resolution those just Dues, which will appear to be very frequently made and not to be Obsolete

There is no Necessity for this house to recapitulate all the Arguments formerly used to maintain the Justice of those Claims, but we must observe to you that besides those Reasons, the Law under which the twelve Pence p<sup>h</sup> is now raised, is now very different both in the Title and in the Enacting Part from the Act in 1715 upon which the former Debates were had

We apprehend the publick faith is as much engaged to discharge the Allowances to a Council as any Other Debts; but that you may be assured this house is greatly desirous of supporting the publick faith; we are willing to allow all the Claims mentioned in the Journall (Except what relates to the several Persons therein mentioned as Members of the Upper and Lower houses of Assembly) And if