

U. H. J. To His Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq^r Governor & Commander
No. 734 in Chief in & over the Province of Maryland.

The humble Address of the Upper House of Assembly

May it please Your Excellency

We were in Great Hopes that by the Dissolution of the last Assembly the necessity of entering into and troubling Your Excellency with a Detail of the Occasion and Circumstances of the Misunderstanding between the two Houses of that Assembly would have ceased with the Being of the late Lower House; but the printed Address of the present Lower House to your Excellency and your Excellency and Your Answer to that Address leaving that Affair to our Consideration, call upon us to make publick the true Rise and Proceeding of that Difference and by a fair and candid State of the whole Transaction (as far as this House was acquaintd with it) to vindicate Ourselves from the Aspersions intended by the Address to be imputed to the Conduct of this House in that matter.

This House having in the Convention of the last Assembly sent one of its Members with a Message to the Lower House He returned and Acquainted this House that instead of being admitted as usual to deliver his Message He was desired to wait

This Treatment was so unsuitable to the Dignity of this House and so far from the mutual Decency and Respect which ought to be most Carefully Preserved by the two Houses towards Each other that we Could not suffer it without some Notice more Especially lest our silence on such Occasions might sometime or other not only draw on other Slights and Indignities but also be Urged as a Precedent for bearing or overlooking them therefore This House sent the following Message with several Paper Bills by their Clerk to be delivered to the Speaker as a Message from this House Viz. (See page 163.)

p. 17 We humbly presume that Message and Messenger will most plainly manifest the sincere Desire and Intention This House then had to come to a right Understanding with the late Lower House on this Subject, and at the same time to Avoid as much as they Could in their Circumstances any Interruption to the publick Business or Offence to the Lower House; No disrespectful or Aggravating Term or Expression is made use of, but the reason of Altering Our Messenger expressed as Unexceptionably as could be conceived in Words: The Messenger sent to Communicate to the Lower House the Sense This House had of the Indignity, was the Only Person the Lower House Could with Reason and Justice expect, or this House Consistently with its Dignity send There are but three Sorts of Persons Viz. The members Clerk and Door Keeper Attendants and under the immediate Controul and Command of this House: And