

U. H. J. a fixed Time of Determination, we would, and are now ready to  
 Calvert agree to Either, as the Necessity of the present Juncture may require;  
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 No. 735 And as this must answer Every thing that can be said with Regard  
 to his Majestys Service or the Defence of the Province, we presume  
 your insisting so strongly for a continuance to the End of a Session  
 will be looked upon by the impartial World to be attended with  
 Views foreign to Either, & therefore we must now plainly tell you,  
 that since by dear Experience we have felt the ill Consequences of  
 Money Laws, Ending with a Session of Assembly, that we are called  
 and prorogued or dissolved from Year to Year, the Country bur-  
 thened with immense Charges, Aggrievances and Oppressions daily  
 exercised, without an Opportunity of Redress, and all to keep on  
 foot a few Money Acts, in some of which particular Persons only  
 have an Interest, we are, while we have the Honour to represent the  
 People of Maryland, firmly determined never to assent to any Law  
 of that kind with such an indefinite Determination as you contend  
 for, and We hope, when we are discharged of the Trust, they will  
 always find Representatives who shall firmly adhere to the same  
 just Resolutions

It is very extraordinary and what will scarcely meet Credit from  
 any One, that a People who enjoy the Rights and Priviledges under  
 a British Government, would not upon the least Appearance of  
 Danger exert themselves to the Utmost for the Preservation of those  
 p. 31 Rights, or that a few Gentlemen of Our Upper House, whose In-  
 terest and Views do not at all times seem to coincide with those of  
 the people, should be the only Persons in the Government, who have  
 any Regard for Its Welfare. No, Gentlemen, self Preservation is  
 Principle natural to the brutal, as well as the rational Creation, and  
 it is a wrong Conclusion that because this House refused a Tax for  
 Arms when there was no Appearance of Danger, and when there  
 was Money in Bank unapplied, sufficient for the then present  
 Exigence, that therefore they would do the same when Danger ap-  
 proaches or Money is wanting

The Meaning of what you say concerning Roman Catholicks or  
 persons nearly attached to their Interest, We acknowledge Ourselves  
 at a Loss to apprehend, we would hope that it is not intended to  
 insinuate as if any of us were either Roman Catholicks, or attached  
 to their Interest, and if it should, we despise the Imputation, since  
 We are well convinced that Our Actions as well at this time as in  
 former Assemblies, and Our Conduct in private Life will suffi-  
 ciently testify the contrary. And altho his Lordship (as well as sev-  
 eral of your Honours) has many Relations in the Country of that  
 Profession, & has greatly intrusted his private Affairs in the hands  
 of Gentlemen of the Romish Communion, yet that never raised in  
 us any Jealousy of his Lordship, being well assured that the few  
 of those People here amongst Us, have it neither in their Power  
 or Inclination to disturb the Peace or Safety of the province