

U. H. J. dance on the firm Duty and Loyalty of the present Proprietary, Governor or Secretary from whence you may Justly conclude that no Obstacle will arise on their Parts to the Passage of this Bill into a Law, so that his Majestys Expectations may be complied with from the Consideration of their Interests in opposition to his Majestys Service; But it may not be amiss to mention or unworthy your Consideration that when his Majesty is made acquainted (as no doubt he will) with the dutiful and affectionate Regard the Assembly of Maryland shews to those Royal Expectations which occasioned this meeting if perchance it should come to his Royal Ear that the Lower House of Assembly in the year 1739 insisted that the Act for regulating Ordinaries was not greatly desired, or proper or necessary to the Ease and Happiness of the province but rather that it was much complained of, in which the Upper House of Assembly could not agree with them, and that at that time the Lower House of Assembly could not be prevail'd upon to revive that Act, But that the same Lower House of Assembly in the year 1740 (without any cogent necessity or for want of a better Fund) founded part of their Liberality towards his Majestys Service on such An Act so much Complain'd of, would not such Dispositions manifest that very little Regard was had to the Goodness or Badness, usefulness or Inconvenience of the Law, but to any Opportunity or Pretence for preventing the usual Application of the money arising by such Law, should the conduct of this Assembly be considered in this Light and should it appear that this part of the Fund is by this Bill wrongfully perverted to the Benefit of the Publick, and that the Assembly has been generous at the Expence of a particular Person; May not the Case of this Bill when Passed into a Law prove to be such as may put us

p. 14 under a further and more inconvenient necessity, than at present of making a better provision, to replace the money to be issued by this Bill

These Observations We thought proper to lay before you, that We may not endeavour to shew Our Loyalty and Obedience to his Majestys Desires, by a Bill which perhaps hereafter may not prove advantageous to us in many Respects Especially as (We apprehend) we may effectually answer his Majestys Expectations by some other Fund, more certain, more serviceable to the Credit of Our paper Currency and more just in every Respect

And We farther Observe that there is not any Provision made in this Bill, to exempt the masters of the Transport Vessels from Prosecutions or Suits at Law, for transporting Soldiers enlisted, and put on Board their Vessels which may happen to be indebted or under any other Engagement, And this We think highly necessary to be done, because such Masters will neither have time nor Opportunity to enquire into the Circumstances of the Soldiers by them to be transported, nor the Soldiers have time to Comply with the Directions of the Act of Assembly in such Cases provided neither are