

L. H. J. Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly

In Your Address presented to me this day by M^r Smith you tell me “ that it has been reported to your House that some of the Arms in the Council Chamber are but in indifferent Order, which you think it Your duty to acquaint me with, not doubting but that I will give the necessary direction that proper Care be taken that the said Arms be put into and kept in good Order, by the Armourer or Person who hath the Care of the said Arms and receives a Sallary for the same

As this seems to impute a Deficiency to me in a point of duty that I ought to know something of, I think myself Obliged to acquaint you, that I have not only given frequent directions to the proper Officer to take Care of the Arms but have often inspected them myself, and can very confidently assure you, that in the main they are taken exceeding good Care of, and are in every respect in much better order than they were during the time of the late Armourer, nor can the Oldest member of the Council remember them to have been ever kept in better Order

But after all I am very sensible that Arms acquire Rust so fast and require such frequent Cleaning that it may be of Service to the Publick considering the quantity of Arms We have and expect to employ one Smith at least constantly in the Brightning & Polishing of them which the Armourer considering his other Services cannot Possibly do out of the Salary of Forty Pounds a Year which is all that the Council have ever thought proper to allow him out of the small Fund of three Pence p^h for Arms &c^a therefore if you think proper to give a further Sum for the taking Care of the Arms I assure you it shall be very faithfully applied to the Purpose intended
Sam Ogle

The Justices of Prince Georges County Summoned to Appear to make Answer to the Report of the Committee of Aggrievances &c^a appear at the Bar of the House

The Reports from the Committee of Aggrievances were Read: The Justices made their Excuse and were Ordered to withdraw

The House on Consideration, Ordered, that the Justices be called in again, and that M^r Speaker from the Chair acquaint them with the Sense of the House, The Gentlemen were called in

M^r Speaker acquainted them in the following Words:

Gentlemen as these are Aggrievances and concurred with by this House, I am to acquaint You that it is the Sense of the House that You be desired to Inspect more carefully into the Laws which Tax his Majestys Subjects and not to Levy or Assess any Tax not laid by Law, or which you are not by Law impowered to do; for that not only Yourselves but Your Fellow Subjects Suffer and thereby great and insufferable Inroads are made on the Right and Liberty of the