

On Reading the Amendments proposed by the Upper House to the aforesaid Bill the Question was put that the House Concur therewith L. H. J.
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Resolved in the Negative

The Journal of Accounts was sent to the Upper House by M^r Worthington and three more

The following Address to his Lordship being brought in viz. To the Right Honourable Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c^a

The humble Address of the Delegates of the Freemen of the said Province in General Assembly convened

May it please your Lordship

We his Majestys most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Delegates of the Freemen of the Province of Maryland being sincerely disposed and most earnestly desiring that Harmony Good Understanding and mutual Confidence between your Lordship and your Tenants which is so necessary for the General Interest, and which has formerly Subsisted between your Noble Ancestors, Yourself and them, To quiet the minds of the People we represent from the great uneasiness they are under by Reason of your Lordships levying a Tax of twelve Pence a hhd on their Tobacco under Colour of an Act of Assembly made in the Year 1704 and of sundry other Aggrievances complained of in our General Address which has or will be presented to your Lordship and to induce your Lordship to disclaim all Right of levying Money by Virtue of that Act which we are satisfied and well advised is not in force at this time, without putting us under the disagreeable necessity of applying to his most Sacred Majesty on that and other Heads do humbly propose to lay a Tax for raising a Sum not less than Sterling Money p Annum to be paid to your Lordship in Lieu of your Quit Rents arising due within this your Province and likewise a Duty for the better Support of your Government and Governor residing here which Duty we propose to settle by a Law for such term as shall be reasonably agreed upon, and as we hope these Proposals will appear reasonable in themselves as well as advantagious to your Lordship so we flatter ourselves they will convince you that we never aimed at depriving your Lordship of any of your Just Rights and that by such an Agreement those Aggrievances we have complained of may be removed and those unhappy differences which now Subsist between us may in an amicable manner be composed We therefore request if your Lordship shall think fit to accept of our Offer you will be pleased to give Instructions to your Governor to treat with us on those heads the issue of which we doubt not will prove agreeable both to your Lordship and your Tenants