

especial Order and will pass sent to the Upper House by M^r Lloyd L. H. J. and M^r Weems and the following Message (See page 303)

Philip Thomas Esq^r from the Upper House delivers M^r Speaker ^{p. 371}
A Bill entituled an Act for raising three half Pence Sterling p hhd on every hhd of Tobacco to be Exported out of this Province for Payment of an Agent &c^a Indorsed (See page 303)

The following Ingrossed Address to the Lord Proprietary concerning his Quit Rents was brought in viz.

To the Right Honourable Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore

The Humble Address of the Delegates of the Freemen of the Province of Maryland in General Assembly Convened

May it please your Lordship

We his Majestys faithful and Dutiful Liege Subjects the Delegates of the Freemen of Maryland being desirous to promote your Lordships Interest as well as the Ease of your Tenants, and the Improvement of this part of his Majestys Dominions Therefore We humbly propose to your Lordship that in Lieu of your Lordships Quit Rents arising due within this your Province, to pay you in Sterling Money at London in Great Britain an Equivalent in such manner and form as may best suit your Lordship, and Conduce to the Ease and Welfare of the People We represent, and as shall hereafter be concluded upon.

We are well apprised of the great Expence to your Lordship in the present Method of the Collection of your Rents, as no doubt your Lordship is of the great Difficulty the Remote and back Inhabitants are, and will be under of raising Sterling Money for the Payment thereof and likewise the Necessity of Peopling those parts (tho' Remote) of his Majestys Dominions as well for making a good Barrier against the growing Power of the French, as to promote the Trade and Manufacture of Great Britain

Your Lordships kind Professions for the General Welfare of Maryland incline us to do all in our Power to bring about that good Harmony which has heretofore subsisted between your Noble Ancestors, your Lordship and the good People of this Province

Should your Lordship be inclinable to come into this Proposal We humbly Request proper Directions may be given to your Governor for the Purpose aforesaid which We hope may contribute towards accomplishing that good Agreement between your Lordship and your Tenants so much desired

Which being Read was Assented to and Signed on Behalf of the House by the Honourable Speaker

Ordered that an Address be prepared to his Excellency requesting him to communicate to the Lord Proprietary the Address of this House