

L. H. J. by going out of the common Road, entirely defeat so necessary and desirable an End.

I am not less surprized than concerned, you should so unnecessarily mention his Lordship's taking a considerable sum of money from the Inhabitants of this Province, under Colour of Law (as you call it); I hope you did not make that assertion for the sake of giving offence; I am confident his Lordship's known Honour and Justice, will guard him from the Effects of every such Imputation, and more especially in this particular Case, as you know the point you Hint at has been several years in Agitation, by way of Complaint to his Majesty; but so far from being brought to a Decision, that no petition or Application has yet been made to the Crown, by you, upon that Head, I am Certainly assured, his Lordship very heartily desires that Determination, not only for his own Sake, but for the real Interest and advantage of the province; since it is to be hoped there will be such an Acquiescence in the Royal pleasure, that our time and Debates may be better employed, than in contentions between Government and people; and which, in my opinion, are not necessary to be intermixed with our present proceedings

T. Bladen

On Motion of a Member, That a Bill be brought in, to raise a Sum of Money, to employ an agent in Great Britain, for the use of the Province of Maryland; Leave is given

Ordered, That the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in such Bill.

The House Adjourns until the Morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock

May 8

Tuesday Morning, May 8. 1744

The House met according to Adjournment &c.

M^r Philip Hammond. and messieurs John and Richard Gresham, appeared in the House

M^r Hammond Delivers M^r Speaker the following Report viz.
To the Honourable the House of Delegates

In Compliance with the order of this Honourable House, the last Session of Assembly, in September, Seventeen Hundred and fforty Two We the subscribers, with other Members in the said Order
p. 387 mentioned, and appointed to procure Copies of Records, and other papers and Evidences for carrying on the Addresses to the Kings most Excellent Majesty, and the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, concerning the Aggrievances complained of in the Several Resolves of this House in May Session Seventeen Hundred and Thirty nine, and to transmit the same to Great Britain; made application to the Respective Naval officers, by Letters of November the Thirteenth, seventeen Hundred and fforty Two, requesting them