

U. H. J. To his Excellency Thomas Bladen Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor and Commander  
 Liber No. 34 in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland

The humble Address of the Upper House of Assembly  
 May it please Your Excellency

We return You Our hearty Thanks for the Speech you was pleased to make at the Opening of this Assembly, And as we are well satisfied that nothing but the Safety of his Majestys Subjects is the motive of Your Meeting us at this Season, so We assure You of Our Disposition not only now, but at all times, to submit to some Inconveniences for the sake of the Publick Good

We are very sensible of how great Importance It is to Us to preserve the Fidelity and Friendship of the Six Nations of Indians especially under Our present Circumstances; And We assure you that We will chearfully concur in the most proper Measures to prevent and disappoint the designs of Our Enemies, or any of their Jesuitical Emissaries either amongst the Indians or else where

We shall gladly embrace every Occasion of manifesting Our Duty and Zeal for his Majestys Service and Person, and to testify Our Abhorrence and detestation of that Wicked and unnatural Rebellion raised in Great Britain in favour of a Popish Pretender

And as We are fully Convinced that We should be greatly wanting not only in Our Duty to his Majesty and the Publick but in the Care of our own Safety should We leave these Indians under the Temptations which their Necessities may induce them of Yielding to the seducements of Our Enemies so We shall very readily join in everything that may be proper to secure them to Our Interests Which We think Ourselves Obliged to in good Policy as well as Humanity

Benj<sup>a</sup> Tasker Pres<sup>t</sup>

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning ten of the Clock

March 15 Saturday Morning 15 March 1745

This House met again according to Adjournment

Present as Yesterday

p. 105 A Bill from the Lower House by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Courts and Tilghman Entituled an Act continuing an Act entituled an Act for the Advancement of Justice thus endorsed

By the Lower House of Assembly 13 March 1745

Read the first time and Ordered to lie on the Table

Signed p Order W<sup>m</sup> Tilghman Cl Lo Ho.

By the Lower House of Assembly 15 March 1745

Read the second time and will pass

Signed p Order W<sup>m</sup> Tilghman Cl Lo Ho.