

U. H. J. Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly
 Liber No. 34

It was with the greatest Pleasure I observed in your Addresses to me such a Spirit of Duty and Loyalty to his Majesty as I am persuaded can only flow from the hearts of faithful Subjects sensible of the happiness they enjoy under the Administration of a gracious and good Prince. The wicked and unnatural Rebellion carried on against Our Sovereigns Sacred Life & Crown demands from us every Proof We can give of Our Abhorrence of that detestable Enterprize, And I make no doubt you will all willingly concur in a Proposal I shall make You of joyning in an Association Whereby We may manifest Our Principles and declare Our Affections to the Person of Our Sovereign and his Royal Family

This is a Step already taken by most of his Majestys Subjects, who from their Situation have had the Advantage over us, of being more early in giving this Testimony of their Loyalty, We I hope shall do it with no less Chearfulness and sincerity, not induced thereto by Example only but from a grateful Sense of those Blessings We enjoy under his Majestys Auspicious Government and a Detestation of a Popish and Arbitrary Tyranny

Adjourned till three of the Clock in the Afternoon

Eodem Die post Meridiem

This House met again according to Adjournment

Present as in the Morning

Benjamin Tasker Esq^r attended by the Members of this House presents to his Excellency the Address of this House in the following Words

To his Excellency Thomas Bladen Esq^r Governor and Commander 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 Your Excellency Our most hearty Thanks for Your Speech, Wherein You have been pleased to recommend to us, to enter into an Association, which We assure you We will very readily do and upon every Occasion give all the Proofs in our Power to testify Our Loyalty to his most Sacred Majesty King George the second and Our Detestation of the Wicked and unnatural Rebellion excited by the Artifices of France and Spain in support of the desperate Cause of an Abjured Popish Pretender against his Majestys Person Crown and auspicious Government under which We and all the rest of his Majestys are secured in the Enjoyment of everything worth Possessing or that can be dear to Freemen

Benj^a Tasker Pres^t

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning ten of the Clock