Whereas a most unnatural Rebellion hath been, and as We fear U.H.J. is still carryed on in Great Britain in favour of a Popish Pretender Liber No. 34 educated in the Bigottry and Superstition of the Church of Rome and trained up in the Arbitrary Principles of the Courts of France and Spain by whose Councils and Supplies his Cause is governed and supported

We the Governor and the Members of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly of the Province of Maryland at this time Convened whose Names are hereunto subscribed being fully perswaded that nothing under God can so effectually secure to the People of Great Britain and the Dominions thereof the perfect Enjoyment of their Religious and Civil Rights as the Continuance of his Most Sacred Majesty and his Royal Family on the Throne, do hold Ourselves by all the Ties of Loyalty Duty and Gratitude to declare as well our Abhorrence of this detestable Rebellion as also our firm and inviolable Attachment to Our most Gracious Sovereign King George the second and his Government But as by Our Distance We cannot hope for an Opportunity of manifesting the sincerity of these Our Dutiful Expressions by any immediate Service to his sacred Person, We therefore do solemnly promise and hereby engage Ourselves to stand by each other and to the utmost of Our Power and Ability defend his Majestys Rights his Royal Authority p. 112 and Government within this Governm<sup>t</sup> not only against the open Attempts of his avowed Enemies but against any wicked Attempts of concealed Traytors to their King and Country. This Engagem<sup>t</sup> We solemnly and willingly enter into, to manifest Our Gratitude to the best of Sovereigns Our Love to Our Countrey and its Liberties and Our Detestation of Poperv and the slavish Principles of that superstitious Religion

Which being Read the House doth Concur therewith.

Read the Petition of several the Freeholders of the Province of Maryland praying a further Allowance may be made them for their Attendance as Jurors at the several Courts of this Province; Rejected

A Bill from the Lower House by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sheredine and Henry Ent<sup>d</sup> an Act Continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province Ent<sup>d</sup> an Act to prevent the ill Practises of Sheriffs in the Collecting and Payment of the County Levys thus endorsed

By the Lower House of Assembly 20 March 1745 Read the first Time and Ordered to lie on the Table Signed p Order  $W^m$  Tilghman Ct Lo Ho.

By the Lower House of Assembly 20 March 1745 Read the second time and will pass Signed p Order W<sup>m</sup> Tilghman Ct Lo Ho.