

L. H. J.  
Liber No. 46

The following Address, viz.

To his Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor of Maryland;

The Humble address of the House of Delegates of the said province

May it please your Excellency,

It is from a just Regard to the Rights, Liberties, and Priviledges of those we Represent, that we find our selves under an Indispensible necessity of applying to your Excellency, on an Occasion which nearly Affects the property, and well being of the people of Maryland.

The Report of our Committee of Grievances here annexed, which by the Confessions of the parties is in every Circumstance strictly true, and to which we beg leave to Refer your Excellency contains a Charge against M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Hanson, High Sheriff, and M<sup>r</sup> Henry Brook, ffarmer of the Quit Rents of Charles County, of so high a nature, and of practices of so dangerous and destructive a Tendency, which to our real Concern, we are informed prevail in many parts of this province, to the great Damage of many of his Lordship's Tenants, and if not speedily remedied will, in all probability, become general. We could not therefore, without an entire disregard to, and neglect of, the Duties of our Station, avoid taking notice of so high an Infringement on the Rights and Liberties of the people. And it is in Consequence of that just Regard we owe to the people of Maryland, and to the Honour of the Government, that we humbly lay this Affair before your Excellency; from whose kind Assurances of your Sincere and hearty Endeavours to promote the prosperity of this province, we derive the firmest Confidence that your Excellency will, in every instance of your Conduct, discountenance any illegal and oppressive Act of power, and particularly that great and growing evil now laid before you; and by that means effectually prevent any Officer in this Government from wantonly abusing and perverting that power, to the oppression and Ruin, which was Originally designed for the Ease and Happiness of the people.

Was brought in ingrossed, and was Read and assented to, and Signed by Order of the Lower House by the Honourable Speaker,

Col. Hooper delivers to M<sup>r</sup> Speaker a Bill entituled, a Supplementary Act to the Act entituled, An Act for laying out the Town anew commonly called Snow Hill Town, in Somerset County, which was Read the first time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

M<sup>r</sup> Harris and Capt. Handy, were sent to acquaint the Governor that this House hath prepared an Address to him, and desires to know when and where he will please to receive it. They return, and acquaint M<sup>r</sup> Speaker, the Governor Signified that he was ready to receive the Address immediately in the Conference Chamber.

M<sup>r</sup> Smith and five more were Ordered to present the address.