

L. H. J. The Petition of John Smith Prather, on Behalf of himself and  
 Liber No. 46 others, Freeholders in Frederick County, was read: Ordered, That  
 May 26 the same be taken into Consideration in the Afternoon.

Col. Hooper, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Ingrossed Address; viz.

To his Excellency Samuel Ogle, Esq; Governor of Maryland;

The humble Address of the House of Delegates.

May it please your Excellency,

Agreeable to our Address of yesterday to your Excellency, we have taken the subject Matter of your Speech at the Opening of this Session, relating to the Clerk of this House, into our most serious Consideration. And we assure your Excellency, with the greatest Sincerity, that the Manner of sending him up at the last Meeting, did not proceed from an Intention of infringing the Rights of the Government, or to shew the least Disregard to your Administration, but from an Opinion that we were supported therein by the Journals of our own House. In order therefore to evince the sincere Desire we have to preserve a good Understanding with your Excellency, and mutually to concur in promoting the real Ease and Happiness of the People of Maryland, we have come to the Resolution of sending up our Clerk, for your Excellency's Approbation; in full Hopes, from your good Disposition towards them expressed in your Excellency's Speech, that no determination made by us, out of our great Desire of keeping up a good Harmony, will be construed to affect the Rights of those we represent.

Which was read and assented to, and signed on Behalf of the House by the Honourable Speaker.

Ordered, That Col. Hooper and Mr. Murdock do 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 Mr. Speaker they deliver'd the Message, and that his Excellency was pleased to signify, that he was ready to receive the Address immediately in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered, That Col. Hooper, with three more, do present the Address to the Governør.

Mr. Harris hath Leave to go home.

The House adjourns until 2 of the Clock.

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment.

The Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker the following Answer; viz.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

It is a great Satisfaction to me, to find that you have come to a Resolution of presenting your Clerk for Approbation, in the usual