

L. H. J.
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Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment.

An Ingrossed Bill entituled, An Act to impower James Sterling, &c. and an Ingrossed Bill entituled, A Supplementary Act to the Act entituled, An Act ascertaining the Height of Fences, &c. were severally read and assented to, and sent to the Upper House with the Paper Bills thereof, by Col. John Henry and Major Barnes.

Col. Hooper delivers to Mr. Speaker an Ingrossed Address to the Lord Proprietary; Viz.

p. 97 To the Right Honourable Charles Lord Baron of Baltimore Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland.

The humble Address of the House of Delegates of the said Province.

May it Please your Lordship.

It is with great Concern that we his Majesty's dutiful, Loving, Liege Subjects, the Delegates of the ffreemen of Maryland, in Assembly Convened, approach your Lordship with an Address of Complaint of Hardships or Grievances suffered under your Lordship's Government, in which were we longer Silent Posterity, as well as those we represent might Justly accuse us with neglect of that Duty which we are bound to discharge. At Present we shall not aggravate our Misfortunes, or further trouble your Lordship by enumerating many Grievances we Labour under, different from those Subjects more immediately under his Majesty's Government in our neighbouring Colonies, And as his Majesty hath not more Loyal and faithful Subjects than the People of Maryland, or who to the utmost of their Power on all occasions have demonstrated the same, so we p. 98 humbly Conceive, we merit the like ffavour and Protection, and we may boldly say, that we and our Predecessors have approved ourselves quiet, good & beneficial Tenants to your Lordship, and your noble Ancestors, and that it was due to the Courage Conduct, Labour, and Industry of the first Settlers here, as well as the Present, that your Lordship owes the flourishing state of your Interest and Income in this Province, and therefore might Justly Call for your Attention and Regard, and as we earnestly desire to Continue in the same good Disposition, So we hope for your Lordship's favour and impartial Justice. Your Lordship's taking the sum of Twelve Pence sterling for every Hogshead of Tobacco exported out of this Province Since the year 1733 under Colour of an Act Entituled, An Act for Settlement of an annual Revenue upon her Majesty's Governor within this Province for the Time being, is the Subject of our present Complaint; we Conceive the Same is not justified by the said Act, nor any Law of this, or our mother Country, and as we Cannot more fully express our Sense of this important Affair, than in that of