

L. H. J.
Liber No. 51
April 28

The Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Frederick County, complaining of an undue Election, was Read the first time and ordered to lie on the Table. Read the second Time, and referred to the next Session of Assembly.

Mr. Hammond, from the Committee appointed to join the Members of the Upper House in an Address of Condolance and Congratulation to his Majesty, brings in the following Report:

By the Members of the Honourable the Lower House of Assembly, nominated to join with the Members appointed by the Upper House in drawing an Address of Condolance and Congratulation to his Majesty.

In Obedience to an Order of your Honourable House of Saturday the 25th Instant, we humbly report, That on Friday the 17th Instant it was intimated from Four of the Gentlemen of your House, to one of the Gentlemen of the Upper House, that they were desirous a Form should be laid before the Gentlemen of your House for their Consideration, by the Gentlemen of that House; that accordingly on the Evening of the same Day was communicated to Three of those Gentlemen, the following, viz.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly of the Province of Maryland.

May it please your Majesty,

Deeply affected with the severe Loss we in common with our Fellow-Subjects have sustained by the Death of our late most Excellent King, of happy Memory, whose paternal Care the Inhabitants of these Colonies have in the amplest Manner experienced, in the Course of his long, mild, just and glorious Reign, favourably permit us, most Gracious Sovereign, to condole with your Majesty, that melancholy Event; but we should not approve ourselves in any Respect worthy of the indulgent Protection of Providence did we not derive, and most thankfully acknowledge, the strongest Consolation from a Contemplation on the Eminent and Royal Virtues, which constitute and embellish the Character of a good King, and give the best Assurance of a Continuance, under your Majesty's Reign, of the invaluable Blessings we have so long enjoyed during that of your illustrious Grandfather: With this Assurance, we join in the general Joy which hath been diffused through all the extensive Dominions of Great-Britain, and with the greatest Humility and purest Sincerity of Heart, beg Leave to congratulate your Majesty upon your Accession to the Throne of your Ancestors.

May your Majesty be rendered happy by the Prosperity of a free People, flourishing under the benign Influence of your auspicious Government, by a grateful and adequate Retribution in their zealous Affection and firm Attachment to your Sacred Person, and