

pensible Duty to promote, on all Occasions, the Prosperity of Maryland. And while we indulge ourselves with the pleasing Prospect of a mild and equitable Government, permit us to assure your Excellency, that it will ever give us Pleasure, when we can, in any Manner, contribute to make your Administration easy and agreeable to your self, and honorable to the Lord Proprietary.

L. H. J.  
Liber No. 54  
Nov. 21

Your Desire of accommodating the Public Business to our private Affairs, demands our sincere Acknowledgments; and as the Exigencies of Government have made it necessary to call us together at this Time, we shall with cheerfulness submit to the Inconveniencies arising from a Meeting of Assembly at so late a Season.

Convinced as we are with your Excellency, that the real Interests of the Lord Proprietary and the People of this Province are inseparable, we venture to hope that our Conduct in the Course of the Session, will so manifest our Attachment to the Welfare of our Country, that your Excellency will not be disappointed in the Expectation you are pleased to entertain, being determined to pursue the Business with that Temper and Moderation, and to cultivate that amicable Intercourse so essentially necessary to the Attainment of those Benefits which are the Objects of our Meeting:

It gives us great satisfaction to be assured in the Message with which his Lordship has honored us, and which your Excellency was pleased to deliver, of his Willingness to encourage any Plan for the Improvement, or Addition to the Happiness of his Province, which the Relation you bear to his Lordship, and the Sentiment of Friendship and Affection for, and Confidence in you, he is pleased to express, afford us the most agreeable Hope it will be as much in your Power, as we believe it is your Inclination, greatly to promote.

The warm concern you are pleased, Sir, to express for the Welfare of the rising Generation, and your Assurance that we may rely upon your most cordial Concurrence in every Measure we may propose, conducive to the Welfare and Happiness of the Province, have a just Claim to our most sincere Thanks. And, though we join you in wishing for a well founded Provision for the more liberal Institution of Youth; yet, we hope we shall stand excused in not entering upon a Consideration of that Matter at this Time, when the severe Season of the Year is so nearly approaching.

We receive your Excellency's Assurances as an Earnest of your future Conduct. We persuade ourselves that by that Test they will be justified; and we cannot but indulge ourselves with the warmest Expectations, that you will always have the Happiness to receive, for having acted solely upon the Principles you have been pleased to lay down, the united Thanks and Applause of a grateful People.

p. 6

Which was read, approved of, and Ordered to be Ingross'd

The Petitions and Remonstrance delivered, Yesterday, by Daniel Dulany Esq, read the first Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.