

His Lordship's Answer to the Address
of both Houses of Assembly in Maryland.
Baltimore

Gentlemen of the Upper & Lower Houses of Assembly

I thank You for your kind & dutiful Address, &
You may be Assur'd of my Protection & Care for the
Welfare of the Province of Maryland.

The Low State of our Staple justly Claim'd
consideration & Relief, & I hope the present Law for that
purpose will prove Effectual.

It is with great Reluctance that I am Obliged to
Dissent to the Law for Ascertain^{ing} the Oath of
Judge or Justice, as likewise that for the Ascertain^{ing}
the Fees of Practitioners of the Law within the Province.
The first, because it is the Opinion of all the Lawyers
here, that the Statute-Laws Do not Extend to the Plantations,
(unless by words of local-Limitation) & forasmuch as the
Oath Declares not only those Laws already passed, Do, but
also those which shall hereafter be Enacted. As to the
other it is not agreeable with any known Law here.

Gentlemen of both Houses

I cannot sufficiently commend your Zeal
in your Country's Service, & the good People of
Maryland my Faithful Tenants may Depend that
Impartial Justice shall be the measure of my
Government

Given at London
This 29th of Jan^{ry} 1730
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