

16.

And as nothing can be of greater Importance, than that a due weight and Authority be preserved in all well regulated Governments. must require of you to be very careful not to give your Assent to any Law, or do any other Act that may in any manner weaken the Power and Authority of the Government in Maryland; The Due support of which is as necessary for the welfare and Prosperity of the People, as for my own Particular Interest; — whatsoever mistaken or Popular notions may be advanced to the contrary on that Head, which I trust from your Abilities and good Senses you will never suffer to influence you in Prejudice or Uneasiness to me, but that you will in all things act agreeable to the true Rules of Government.

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You must take care not to give your Assent to any Act that shall lessen the Power of the Judges.

18.

And Whereas The Upper House the Council of state for some Years past have thought it Reasonable to withhold some Bills from passing their House . viz^t

An Act for the Tryal of all Matters of Fact in the several Counties where they have arisen or shall arise.

An Act continuing an Act Entituled an Act for the Recovery of small Debts out of Court before a single Justice of the Peace.

An Act continuing an Act Entituled an Act for the better Relief of Poor Debtors.

which a fore said Acts have been refused by our said Council to be