

the Purposes, and in the manner as therein directed, would this Board advise the Governour to reject the Bill upon that Clause only, who unanimously are of Opinion they would not

A Council held at the City of Annapolis on Saturday the 22<sup>d</sup> Day of May in the sixth Year of his Lordships Dominion, Annoque Dom: 1736.  
(Present)

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| the honourable | { | Benjamin Lusher Esq <sup>r</sup>     | Colonel Lusher                    |
|                |   | Colonel Hammond                      | Richard Lee Esq <sup>r</sup>      |
|                |   | Samuel Chamberlaine Esq <sup>r</sup> | Benedict Calvert Esq <sup>r</sup> |
|                |   | Philip Thomas Esquire                | Colonel Goldborough               |
|                |   | Colonel Lloyd                        |                                   |

His Excellency acquaints the Board that the Right Honourable, the Lord Proprietary had appointed, Colonel Robert Venichens Henry, a Member of his Lordships Council, and that he now attends in order to be qualified.

Whereupon the said Colonel Robert Venichens Henry takes the Oaths to the Government appointed to be taken by Act of Assembly, and likewise the Oath of a Councillor and subscribes the Abjuration and Test, and takes his Place at the Board accordingly.

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Petitions.

To the Honourable the Speaker, and Members of the House of Delegates of the Province of Maryland. The Petition of the Freeholders, and Inhabitants of Calvert County.

Humbly sheweth

That the Lords Proprietary of this Province, have for many Years past grievously oppressed the Inhabitants of the same, not only by seizing on, and applying to their own private Uses diverse considerable Sums of Money arising from Ordinary Licenses, Fines & forfeitures &c. which several Sums ought to be applied towards defraying the Charges of Government, and the safe Defence, and Security of the Inhabitants thereof, but also that said Lordships Council of late have rejected a Bill passed by your Honourable House for granting his Majesty a considerable Sum of Money, to be applied towards raising and maintaining a Number of Men to defend this Country against the brutal French, & their Allies, the savage Indians, who were then committing the most shocking Barbarous and uncommon Cruelties, imaginable, on our Fellow Creatures, and Countrymen, who could have no Consolation in their distress, but that of seeing Hundreds, in their own unhappy & lamentable Circumstances, this gives great Concern, and more, when we reflect on the great Danger and Mischief, that may speedily arise within this Government, by the Increase of Spanish Settlements, among us, and considering the great Resort of Traitors to this Country who are daily endeavouring to seduce his Majesty's good Subjects from their Religion and Allegiance and how much his Majesty's protestant Subjects are disheartened to see