

The Justices at these Courts can try and determine all Criminal Matters not affecting Life or member, and even Capital offences when committed by Negroes both the Provincial or Supreme and the County Courts have been held almost ever since the Province was settled by Virtue of Acts of Assembly, the Rules of Proceeding in these Courts are conformable to the Rules observed in the Courts at Westminster, the Judges and Justices are appointed by Commission from the Lord Proprietary under the Great Seal.

The following Addresses being drawn were read approved of and ordered to be Entered.

To The Kings most Excellent Majesty

The humble Address of the Lieutenant Governor and Council
of the Province of Maryland.

Permit most Gracious Sovereign Your dutiful and faithful Servants the Lieutenant Governor and Council of the Province of Maryland with all humility to offer Your Majesty our most sincere and hearty Congratulations on that important Event, the Celebration of Your auspicious Nuptials

Impressed with the most grateful sense of your Majestys tender Care and Concern for the Interest Welfare and security of all your People, our Hearts are filled with Joy on your Conjugal Union with a Princeps eminently endowed with every Royal Virtue and amiable Qualification that can render your Majestys Domestick Felicity compleat.

May the Divine Providence long preserve your Majesty and your Royal Consort in the full Enjoyment of mutual Happiness, and Bless you with an offspring inheriting the Distinction of their illustrious Parents, Virtues which add Splendour and Dignity to the Crowns they wear.

May your Majesty long continue Great and glorious, may your People flourishing and happy continue truly sensible of the inestimable Blessings they enjoy under your wise Administration; and long may you feel the inexpressible pleasure to a benevolent Heart resulting from a Consciousness that your Majesty is under Heaven the Fountain whence these Blessings flow.

Horatio Sharpe, Lieut. Governor
Benj. Tashoe Pres. of the Council