

At a Council held, at the Governours, on Friday the 11th day of August, in the Nineteenth Year of His Lordships Dominion. Anno Domini 1709 -

Present

His Excellency Robert Eden Esq. Governour.

The Honble	{	Benedict Calvert Esq. ^r	Walter Dulany Esq. ^r
		Daniel Dulany Esq. ^r	George Stewart Esq. ^r
		John Ridout Esq. ^r	

His Excellency was pleased to lay before this Board a Letter, which he had received from the Right Honourable the Earl of Hillsborough, inclosing His Majesty's most Gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament at the Close of the last Session, as also one from John Townshend Esq.^r together with sundry Acts of Parliament -

Sir

Whitehall. May 13. 1709 -

Inclosed I send you the Speech made by the King to his Parliament at the Close of the Session on Tuesday last - What his Majesty is pleased to say, in relation to the Measures which have been pursued in North America, will not escape Your Notice, as the Satisfaction His Majesty expresses in the Approbation his Parliament has given to them and the assurances of their firm Support in the Prosecution of them, together with his Royal Opinion of the great Advantages that will probably accrue from the Concurrence of every Branch of the Legislature, in the Resolution of maintaining a due Execution of the Laws, cannot fail to produce the most salutary Effects. -

From hence it will be understood that the whole Legislature concur in the Opinion, adopted by his Majesty's Servants, that no Measure ought to be taken which can any way derogate from the Legislative Authority of Great Britain over the Colonies; but I can take upon me to assure You, Notwithstanding Insinuations to the contrary, from Men with Faction and Seditious Views, that His Majesty's present Administration have at no time entertained a Design to propose to Parliament to lay any further Taxes upon America, for the purpose of raising a Revenue, and that it is at present their Intention to propose, in the next Session of Parliament, to take of the Duties upon Glass Paper and Colours, upon Consideration of such Duties having been laid contrary to the true Principles of Commerce -

These Sir have allways been and still are the Sentiments of His Majesty's present Servants, and the Principles by which their Conduct, in respect to America, has been Governed; and his Majesty relies upon Your Prudence and Fidelity for such an explanation of his Measures, as may tend to remove the Prejudices which have been excited by the Misrepresentations of those who are Enemies to the Peace and Prosperity of Great Britain and her Colonies; and to re-establish that mutual Confidence and Affection upon which the glory and safety of the British Empire depends. -

I am Sir

Your most Obedt. Hble Servant
Hillsborough.

Deputy Gov.^r of Maryland. -

His Majesty's most Gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament on Tuesday the Ninth day of May 1709. -
My Lords, and Gentlemen -

Having thought it necessary to give so early a Commencement to the present Session of Parliament, I am glad to find, that, by Your Zeal and Affiduity -