

Blessings to the latest Posterity, under the Government and Protection of a numerous Succession in his Majesty's Royal Family.

THE great Care and Dilligence your Excellency has been pleased to use, in causing our present most gracious Sovereign King *George* the Second, to be proclaimed, with the utmost Decency your present Circumstances would admit, requires our most hearty Thanks; And, we do assure your Excellency, That we shall heartily and readily join in an Address to his most Sacred Majesty, to shew our grateful Acknowledgment of the Divine Blessing upon his happy Accession to the Throne of his Ancestors.

IT is with great Pleasure we observe the Satisfaction you have been pleased to express, at the Reception the People of this Province have been able to give your Excellency, since your Arrival; and only wait some favourable Opportunities to shew how much our Inclinations exceed our Abilities, in meriting the Character of being loyal to our King, dutiful to our Lord Proprietary, and respectful to Yourself, which we are sensible will be the surest Way to preserve our Ecclesiastical and Civil Rights and Priviledges. We have a plain Indication of your Excellency's sincere Intention to promote the Good and Welfare of the People of this Province, in that you have been pleas'd, in several Paragraphs of your Speech, so earnestly to recommend to our Consideration, such Things, as, when perfected, must certainly be conducive to that good End, of which we shall always retain a grateful Remembrance, and with the utmost Diligence apply our selves to the Consideration of them; and all such other Matters as shall occur to us, for the Publick Welfare, and endeavour to do therein what shall appear necessary for the Good of this Province, and suitable to the present Circumstances thereof.

YOUR Excellency's pressing Invitation to pursue our real Interest, we shall carefully observe; and your kind Advice to avoid Strife and Contention, delivered in so obliging a Manner, we sincerely hope will have its desired Effect.

WITH the greatest Satisfaction, we lay hold of this Opportunity of Acknowledging our just Sense of his Lordship's good Intentions towards the People of this Province, in having directed, That *Prerogative* and *Priviledge*, within their just Limits, should be made the Rule of your Excellency's Administration; a Rule indeed, which of all others is the best suited to an *English* Constitution, and was made so much the Dearer to us, by your Excellency's firm Resolution, declar'd in your Speech, to pay a strict Obedience to those equal Commands, which we hope will be sufficient to convince the good People of this Province, that his Lordship has no Intention to do any Thing in Prejudice of their Liberties and Priviledges.

FOR, as his Lordship's Interests, are inseparably interwoven with the best and most advanced State of Prosperity, in this his Province of *Maryland*, and as Affluence and a great Increase of Riches therein, is, the sure Means of adding to the Honour and Magnificency of his most illustrious Family, it looks like a kind of Infatuation in some People, to suspect him capable of such ungenerous Views, as would prove either inconsistent with, or destructive of the Rights, Priviledges, or Properties of the good People thereof.

WHEREFORE, We do not in the least doubt the Lord Proprietary's kind Intentions, to grant whatever is fitting for us to desire of him: And, we take Leave to assure your Excellency, That we have not any Reason to question his Lordship's sincere Endeavours to make us easy and happy in our Circumstances, of which we have already had so many repeated Instances, that nothing but an insuperable Diffidence can resist so evident a Truth; a fresh Instance whereof we have lately received, in his sending your Excellency, (his so near Relation,) to govern us, of whose Goodness and Prudence we have so promising a Prospect, that we are induc'd to believe your Administration will highly conduce to the Prosperity of this Province, so happily settled and improved by the Encouragement of his Lordship's noble Ancestors.

To which the Governour was pleas'd to make the following *Answer*.

Gentlemen,  
I Return You my sincerest Thanks for your Obliging Address; and as My principal View is the Welfare of this Province, I shall always desire your Advice and Assistance, towards fixing its Prosperity, on the surest Foundations.

BENEDICT LEONARD CALVERT.

