

Maryland

At an Assembly held at the City of St. Maries and Begun the Tenth Day of May Anno Domini 1692 In the fourth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord and Lady King William and Queen Mary of England Scotland France and Ireland Defenders of the faith &c. and there continued till the 9th Day of June following where appeared in the Council Chamber Viz

His Excellency Lionell Copley Esq. Capl General & Chief Governor

The honourable { Col: Henry Foxles
Col: Nehemiah Blackiston } Col: David Bronne
Col: George Probotham } M: Thomas Sench
Col: Nicholas Greenberry } Captain John Addison

of their Majestys Council

John Lewellin Clerk

Notice given to the house of Delegates and Deputies by the Freemen of the Province elected and Chosen to serve for them in this Present Assembly and now convened and mett together, that his Excellency the Governor and his Council was now ready to receive them in the Council Chamber;

They accordingly present themselves in a Body to his Excellency, who in the first place produces, and Ordered to be read to them his Commission under the great Seal for the Government of this Province and then Declares himself to them in the words following Viz
Gentlemen

When the King upon your Address to him to have a Protestant Governor, had signified his Gracious Intentions of sending me amongst you I presume you are sensible of the restless Indeaours of some Persons to obstruct it. The difficulties and hazards I run through did not all Dunt me from hastening to you; proposing chiefly to myself the Satisfaction of seeing a foundation laid for a lasting Peace and happiness to you and your Posterity, the making of wholesome Laws, and laying aside all heats and animosities amongst you that happened of late, will go far towards it, This I know will be very acceptable to their Majestys, who are eminent Examples of Christian and Peaceable Tempers, amongst the Laws that you are to make I must recommend to you this Particular which is in my Instructions to wit, The raising further Supplies for the Support of the Governor for the time being and the Defraying the Necessary Charges of the Government, I conceive it will be an Advantage to the Country as well as Satisfaction to myself to know what you intend for me to Support the honour of the Post the King hath placed me in and to reduce that and also the Allowances to the Gentlemen of the Council and Assembly to a certain Fund; will be the best way that we may measure our expences, with what you settle I hope you will come short of none of our Neighbouring Colonies in any thing of this Nature