

Johnson on his Excellency and the Honble the Council to Saint Ann's ^{Church}
Divine Service imploring Gods Blessing on the Debates and Councils of this Assem^{ly}.

The House adjourns till two O'Clock in the afternoon

Then the House met again according to Adjournment present as in the Drawing

Ordered That Mr. Vanderhoyden and Major Sprigg go up to his Excellency the
Governor & Honble Council with Mr. James Stoddart and Mr. Wm Doro-tus Delegates
returned to see them qualified by taking the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament
They return and say they see them qualified.

The Committee of Laws enter the House and deliver Mr. Speaker the following in Answer
to his Excellency's Speech which being read was approved of and ordered to be entered as follows

To his Excellency John Hart Esq. Capt. General and Governor in Chief of her Majes-
-ty's Province of Maryland.

May it please your Excellency We the Delegates of this Province now convened
in a general Assembly return your Excellency our most humble and hearty Thanks for
the compassionate Concern you are pleased to express at the Misfortune we have
lain under in Respect to Trade and for your Excellency's so tenderly recommending to
us the Consideration of a Remedy — It's a great Satisfaction to us that your Excellency
is an Eye-witness to the Sorrow of that Evil, which this Province in its Circumstan-
-ces is ^{reduced} ~~reduced~~ to and that you are pleased to take such particular Notice of it —
Our deplorable Condition being known we hope the Speedier Relief from that
Maj^{ty} that never yet denied her Royal Aid to any of her suffering Subjects that
implored it. Her Majesty's prevailing Endeavours in the procuring of that Peace
that has removed so many Burthens from our Trade justly claims the most
heartly and sincere Acknowledgment that can be made from dutiful and loyal
Subjects to the best of Princes; but yet we fear so far have we been influen-
-ced by the War that without our Sovereign's more particular Grace and Favour
extended to us we shall not be able by any Endeavour of our own to recover
our lost Circumstances nor prevent the total Ruin of the Tobacco Trade which
is our only Staple — We shall always pay a strict Obedience to her Majesty's
Royal Instructions and shall readily and cheerfully apply ourselves to the Per-
-formance of them — We heartily congratulate your Excellency's safe Arrival
here and acknowledge our utmost Obligations to her Majesty for favouring us
with your Excellency's Administration under whose Government we assure our-
-selves of being a happy People

Signed J. Carter

J. M. Manomana Ch. Sec. Col.

Ordered That Jos. Matthew Telfman Clerk, Mr. Robert Tyler, Mr. Saml. Worthington