

May it please your Honours, the necessity of Convoing his Ho<sup>ty</sup> at this so unreasonable  
a time of the year is so Apparent that it shoudness with it a most just Apology is Engag'd  
us to Concur w<sup>th</sup> your Hon<sup>rs</sup> in our Sentiments that the Tob<sup>o</sup> Act (altho' founded on the best  
of Intentions) requires some Amendment or Explanation in the performance thereof -  
we will use our utmost Efforts to quiet the Minds of the good people of this Province  
and render that Law usefull and Advantageous not Doubting but your Hon<sup>rs</sup> out of your  
great Goodness and Affection towards us will readily Agree to any thing of that sort -

It would be happy for us that we could Apply our selves to what his most Gracious  
Majesty so tenderly recommends, his Indced an Instance of his great and fatherly Care of us -  
altho' so remotely Situate from his royall presence and must Attach to him w<sup>th</sup> all Duty  
and Loyall Gratitude But as we conceive notwithstanding our old Staples will of course advanced  
its price so we believe the late Encouragement Given to the Honey Manufacture here will  
have so little Effect for a time as that it will be in vain to constitute any Officers as your  
Hon<sup>rs</sup> in your kind Speech to us is pleas'd to mention until we see some probability of  
their having business and then (in our humble Opinions) it will be time enough to give  
the encouragement your Hon<sup>rs</sup> is likewise pleas'd to propose -

With the greatest Concern we are acquainted with the Malvolence of the spreaders  
of false reports to the prejudice and Reputation of your Hon<sup>rs</sup> and do sincerely assure you  
(Sir) that in our real Opinion no Governour of Maryland has hitherto ruled and provided  
over it more equal and impartial, Justly and with less regard to his own private Interest  
so that those base Authors have not gain'd amongst the best of their Desired Ends -  
and we do fully resolve (as much as in us lies) to Discover and Expose such vile minded  
Persons - We will Exert our selves in the Dispatch of the publick Affairs, so as to administ  
(what possibly we can) the Charge of this Assembly to the people, and will always discourage  
in our severall Countys Faction parties and News making as well as earnestly recommend  
to those we respectively represent the Christian and Charitable Disposition of peaceableness  
and Concord towards and w<sup>th</sup> each other - Ordered that Mr. Dow and Mr. Conbo go to his  
Honour the Governour and Desire to know of him when and where he will be pleas'd to  
receive the address of this house - they return and say that his hon<sup>rs</sup> the Governour  
acquaints them that he will receive it immediately in the Conferred Chamber -

There upon Ordered that Mr. Stoddart and nine others go to the Conferred Chamber  
present it they return and say they they have presented it -

Mr. Francis Holland Shew: of Baltimore County not having returned the writ  
of Election and Indentures whereon Capt. John Dorsey was Elected - Ordered that Mess<sup>rs</sup>.  
Gore to the Sergeant Attendant on this house to bring the said Shew: before this house  
to answer for his Defaunt therein which accordingly shoud - Ordered the following  
Message be prepared viz<sup>t</sup> By the Lower house of Assembly Feb<sup>y</sup> the 23. 1721 -  
May it please your Hon<sup>rs</sup> the agreement Intended to have been made last Session with  
Mr. John Cadwall about the repairs to be made to the Stads house is not now cannot  
yet be consummated by the Gent<sup>l</sup> then appointed by reason of Mr. Dickinsons long  
absence from among us wherefore we Desire that some other Member of your house  
may be appointed to Joyn with Mr. Fisher and Mr. Garret that a final agreement may be  
now made - Signed by Order - Mess<sup>rs</sup> of the L<sup>r</sup> house -  
which was sent to the Upper house by Mr. Ward & Mr. Williams, they return and say they delivered it -