

Lordships (Behalf) such pregnant proofs of their own fidelity
by their Lordships approving and applauding your great zeal and
Loyalty for his Majesty King George and the Protestant Succession,
in the Illustrious House of Hanover, and the ready Confirmation
of such Laws as were provided for the security of the Protestant Interest in this
Province together with that prudent and hearty Reception of the Lord Proprietor his
being a true Protestant of the Church of England, which will obviate the malicious
Suggestions of such as have represented his Lordships being a Papist in Masquerade
and that this publick and frank Declaration of the purity of his Lordships
Faith will engage and secure his Lordships the Hearts and Esteems of all the
Good People of Maryland.

My Lord Proprietor and Guilford having expressed their tender regard
for the welfare of this Province in such Patriotick and affectionate
Terms that I am Persuaded a Resolution of some part of them will be
far from being unacceptable to you since if they contain in a few +
Harmonious Words all that is reasonable as People as you are can hope
or Desire from your Superiors the words are these.

Gent^{ls} - We have at heart the welfare and Prosperity of the people
of this Province equal to that of our own and are Determined not to
do anything to separate that Union wh^{ch} may tend so much to the Common
Goods.

Gentlemen - I shall lay before you what Reasons moved their
Lordships to Disassent to that Act for laying an additional Duty of four
pounds per Annum on Irish Servants which I hope will give you Satisfaction.

Gentlemen of the Lower House -

Their Lordships have acquainted you
that the Act ascertaining the Gauge of Tobacco wherein there is a provision
for the Lord Proprietors Revenue and the Support of his Government lies
under their Lordships Consideration - What Motives you might have to
prepare that Bill wh^{ch} made the 12th ph^{ca} for the Support of Government
payable to the Gov^{or} for the time being I was Ignorant of the time
being it and should have still remained so for I have ever inviolably
preserved the Privileges of your House but I am now acquainted
with your Proceedings - an officer of your own having given better Infor-
mation of this affair in Great Britain than you thought convenient
for my Knowledge here.

The violent Fever which it Pleas'd God to visit me with at
the time of the preparing that Bill rendered me incapable of giving my
usual and constant attendance in the Upper House for the necessary dis-
patch of business in the time of Assembly and by consequence from hearing
the debates in the Upper House and considering your Messengers on that
Bill so I shall take the Liberty to make use of their Lordships Arguments