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Obligingly complied with whatever you thought proper to request
of their Ex^{ts}. And as they have given you an assurance of maintaining
Your Laws and preserving to you your Rights and Privileges.

It will lay then upon you to make such grateful returns as may
give His Lordship the strongest proof of your Dutiful Affections which
in Effect is all what is expected from you. A remarkable instance
what Felicity you do & may enjoy under the Noble Family of Baltimore.
J^r. Hart

And His Ex^{ty} was pleased to deliver Mr. Speaker the following Answer
from the Lord Baltimore and Guilford to the address of the Upper and
Lower Houses of Assembly in July 1716. which would be desired to be entered as
follows. (Viz.)

The answer of the Right Honble Francis Lord Guilford
Guardian to the Right Honble Charles Lord Baltimore absolute Proprietor
(proprietor) of the Province of Maryland & Avalon for and on his behalf
to the address of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly of the Province
of Maryland.

Gentlemen,

I thank you in behalf of my Lord Proprietor for
your Dutiful address and in a most particular manner recommend
the great Trial you have shewn for the Kings Honor against the daring
attempts of Papists. You may depend upon it that as my Lord
Proprietor and I have nothing more at heart than the maintaining the
true Orthodox Religion and principles of the Church of England and
the protecting you in all your Civil Rights and Liberties so we hope - we
shall be able to do both under the administration of our present
Governour Capt. Hackett.

I do assure you nothing can be more welcome to my Lord
Proprietor and me than the advice of our Assembly it being so vitall
a part of the Constitution and so the best Counselor of the Province and
we hope that as often as you give it as you will understand the
value of your Rights and Privileges so well as to give it free & without
Influence.

Gentlemen / You may depend upon it no person shall
be advanced to any preferment for which he shall not be qualified
by Law.

October 10th 1716.

Guilford.

Col^l. Holland from the Upper House delivers Mr. Speaker three
L^{ts} from the Honble Nath^l. Blackiston Esq. the agent for the Province
the one dated the 6th day of October 1716. being a copy of one from
him sent to the Lord Guilford the other two to the General Assembly
the one dated the 10th of Octo: 1716 and the other the first of March last.