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The Speech delivered to this House, their Lordships answer to address  
of the late Assembly, which is ordered to be entered in these words following  
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Baltimore }  
Stuiford } Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,  
The Dispatch given to the publick Affairs in your late  
Session, and the unvarinced Concern you have shewed for the just  
Authority of your Courts and the persons of your Ministers is most  
Gratified to us as you have thereby not only manifested the Satisfaction  
you take in your Dominion and you but in some measure added  
Strength to the Liberties and Prospects of those you represent the  
Good people of Maryland, therefore we think the Generall part  
of the act intituled an act for the better supporting the Magistrates  
in the Administration of Justice within this Province and for the  
Disabling Tho: Maeremara Esq. to practice the Law therein, being necessary

But for as much as we find tack'd to it a Clause against a  
particular person without hearing the party which is the undoubted  
right of every one of His Majestys Subjects, we are oblig'd to dissent  
to the said act, and we hereby declare the same to be null,  
void and of no effect.

Laws made against persons have been rarely passed in  
England but always - esteem'd severe, and we hope all such  
Generall acts, maybe made as will so effectually reach all  
particular persons for the future, that there may be no more  
occasion to have resort to the like extraordinary Means.

We are much Concern'd to hear that rigorous and  
apprehensive Sutes contrary to your Laws have been carry'd  
on against any of the Inhabitants of this Province, but we have  
had such great Experience of the wisdom and Justice of the  
Administration under His Majesty in all its parts that we are  
sure such Proceedings can never be encourag'd, and that  
they may be rightly represented we have taken an opportunity  
to lay your Representation thereof before the Commissioners of  
His Majestys Customs.

Gentlemen //

As you have known us so long you  
make such as every Good Judgement from our Actions if we  
have nothing more at heart then the Protestant Establishment  
with a tender Compassion to Consciences truly scrupulous  
Dissenting from it therefore let no Imaginations or the suggestions  
of Evil Minded men who neither regard your prosperity  
or our Authority make you apprehend that any endeavours  
either publick or private can have the least Influence on the