

to the Upper House where His Honour the Governor was
pleased on behalf of his Lordship the Dr. Noble the Lord Mayor
to deliver the following speech Viz

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,
Baltimore. The due regard you promised by your loyal
dutiful address to pay to our speech transmitted to you by our
late Governor was most welcome as we, thereby found
your sentiments greatly agreeing with our own to promote
the prosperity of Maryland. The true reason that induced us
a second time to recommend the same things to your con-
sideration by our present Lieutenant.

In your said address you desired time till
the next session to consider the proper alterations you
deem necessary to be made to the late Act for ascertain-
ing the bounds of Land then under our consideration
and which we had signified to you ought to be consonant
to the Laws of Great Britain.

The Supplementary Act since made and intended
for an Amendment thereof gives the properties of his Majesty's
Subjects in Maryland to be determined in a different manner
from those of Great Britain whose safety and happiness
it is to have theirs tryed and decided by their Equals twelve
good men of the County on their oaths. I have therefore thought
fit to dissent to the said Act intitled An Act for ascertain-
ing the bounds of Land within this Province and do hereby
declare the said Act null void and of no effect.

No doubt Gentlemen the assistance of the Legislature
may be very necessary in many instances to the Courts in
maintaining or correcting but not in depriving them of
their jurisdiction and I shall be most ready to confirm any
such Law in Order so to settle the boundaries of your Lands
as every man may in the best manner possible enjoy his own.
Gentlemen I have formerly made known to you that the Legis-
lature of Great Britain does not take upon them among their
parliamentary proceedings to decide matters of Merit and
Tumour, the peoples properties are ruled by the known Laws of
the Land howsoever extraordinary their cases may be unless
for the loyal relief and upon the united Application of all
parties concerned, and I am advised and think it absolutely
necessary that yours should be preserved to you agreeable thereto.
I have therefore dissented to the Act intitled an Act investing
an Estate in fee to John Clements in Queen Anns County