

same Letters per Order (Mr. Jenifer Clerk of the House which was sent to the Upper House by Mr. Dashiell to return and says he delivered it - The House adjourns till to morrow morn of the 23rd of May day (Monday) the 23rd. the House meets accordingly to adjournment yesterday's proceedings are read The answer to the Governour's speech read and approved of and ordered to be entered as follows (viz) To Charles Calvert Esq. Governour of Maryland the humble address of the Lower House of assembly May it Please your Honours, the necessity of lowering us thro at this so unseasonable a time of the year. is so apparent that it introduces with it a most just apology w^{ch} engages us to concur wth your Hon^{rs} in our sentiments that the Tobacco Act altho founded on the best of Intentions) requires some Amendment or Exp^lanation in the performance thereof we intend 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^{rs} 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 tis indeed an Instance of his great and fatherly Care of us altho so remotely situated from His Royal presence and attach to Him wth all duty and loyal Gratitude but as we conceive meliorating our old Staple will of course advance its price So we believe the late Encouragement given to the New Manufactures here will have so little Effect for a time as that it will be unwise to constitute any Offices as your Hon^{rs} in your Hon^{rs} Speech to us is pleased 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~~ The encouragement your Hon^{rs} is likewise pleased to propose.

With the greatest concern we are acquainted with the malevolent spread of false reports to the prejudice and suspension of your Hon^{rs}. And I sincerely desire your Hon^{rs} that in our real Opinion no Governour of Maryland has hitherto ruled. And proceeded over it with more equal and impartial Justice And with less regard to his own private Interest so that thro bare Authors have not gained amongst the least of their Deserv'd Ends, and we do fully resolve (as much as in us lies) to Discover and expose such Evill minded persons - we will Expert our selves in the dispatch of the publick affairs so as to adminish (what possibly we can) the Charge of the assembly to the -

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