

on *Pattowmack* River. I did, with the Advice of the Council, engage one of the Magistrates of *Prince George's* County, to give the Chief of those *Indians* an Invitation to meet me at *Monokofy*, in Order to settle a Treaty with them, to prevent the Loss of any more of our Slaves, as well as to re-gain those already there. Upon the *Indians* Promise to the Gentleman that went to them, that they would meet me, I went so far as the Mountains, with some of the Council, and several other Gentlemen: But tho' we stay'd beyond the appointed Time, the *Indians* (for what Reasons I cannot tell) never came. We then thought it proper to send a Messenger to know their Reasons for not coming, and he brought me Answer from them, That they would certainly come to *Annapolis* during the Assembly's Sitting; So that there will be an Opportunity of concerting such Measures as may prevent the Evils complained of for the future: As I have had Occasion to mention the Council in this Transaction, I cannot but think those Gentlemen deserve their usual Allowance in attending the publick Business; and were the Case put to any Man, as his own, I believe he must be of the same Opinion.

Gentlemen,

I shall conclude with recommending the necessary Dispatch of the publick Affairs, as well as Temper and Moderation in your Debates: For as nothing can conduce more to the Well-Being of a People, than Good Will towards one another; So nothing can be more destructive to the publick Welfare, than unreasonable Jarring and violent Passions.

C. C.

Resolved, That all publick Papers relating to the Lower House of Assembly, and brought into this House, be kept and lodged in the Assembly-Office for the future.

The Answer to his Honour the Governour's Speech, prepared by the Committee of Laws, was read and approved of, and order'd to be entered as follows, *viz.*

To the Honourable Charles Calvert, Esq; Governour of Maryland.
The Humble Address of the Lower House of Assembly.

May it please your Honour,

WE beg your Acceptance of our Thanks for your Obliging Speech at the Opening this Sessions, and are sorry his Lordship's had not come sooner to Hand, that we might have given it a more immediate Answer; and are not without Hopes of shewing your Honour sufficient Reasons before the Conclusion of this Sessions to induce your Honour to believe that the Resolves of this House relating to the Statutes of *England*, are too well grounded to be departed from, for any the Reasons that yet appear to us: But this being a Matter that will require our particular Answer, when we go upon the Consideration of what is communicated to us from his Lordship, we hope your Honour will excuse us, at present from being more particular on that Subject.

We gratefully acknowledge your Honour's Care to provide against the Inconveniencies of Runaway *Negroes*, and shall be ready to do any thing