

on our Parts to render your kind Endeavours effectual ; and as well in that as any other the Matters proposed that may happen to be debated among Us, we shall shew our Regard to your Honour's kind Monition, as well as the Sense we have of our own Duty, by demeaning our selves as you are pleased to recommend.

October the 8th, 1725.

R. Ungle, Speaker.

The Address of this House to his Lordship the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor's Speech, being prepared by the Committee of Laws, was read and approved of, and ordered to be entred as follows, viz.

To the Right Honourable Charles, absolute Lord and Proprietor of the Province of Maryland and Alvalon, Lord Baron of Baltimore.

The Humble Address of the Lower House of Assembly.

May it please your Lordship,

WE acknowledge the Favour of your Lordship's Speech in Answer to our Address of this Time Two Years, which we are informed by your Lordships Lieutenant here, was intended us some time since, but has not been communicated to us, 'till the Opening this Sessions; so that we could not shew our more early Regard to it, and are glad to embrace this Opportunity, which we humbly hope your Lordship will permit us to shew your Lordship the Sincerity and Zeal of your faithful Tenants, for the Honour and Welfare of your Person and Government. We cannot discharge our selves better towards your Lordship, than by treating those Matters of Opinion and Argument you are pleased to communicate to us with such decent Plainness as may be most effectual for the laying our Sense of them before your Lordship in the clearest Manner, wherein we shall endeavour to pursue Truth and Duty with Innocence of Expression, though we should become unfashionable in the Mode of it.

I. We applaud your Lordship's Goodness, for bearing so constantly in your Mind, that agreeable Resolution of making the Publick Good of this Province the Rule of your Government; and that your Lordship is again pleased to declare your Resolution of persisting in it; and we shall always be grateful for every Instance of it that you are pleased to give us: And the more effectually to avoid all Misunderstandings that may happen by mistaken Constructions put upon your Lordship's Words, we shall always endeavour to construe them by your Actions, the best Interpreter.

II. We beg Leave to assure your Lordship, That the Pleasure we indulged our selves with, by asserting in our late Address, That we were his Majesty's Subjects, was not done with the least Intent to give your Lordship any Offence, but apparently used therein as a necessary Foundation for other Arguments. But we profess to your Lordship we can find no Foundation or Cause for your Lordship's Remark on any Resolution of ours, concerning his Majesty's Title to this Province, under whom, and within the bounds whereof, may you always justly rule according to your Charter; for it is according to that Charter we expect to be govern'd.

III. Your Lordship seems to suppose us Conquerors of the Indians; but in this we doubt your Lordship has misunderstood our Resolves, and the Sense of your Country. We deny all Conquests. This Country was got by