

Mr. Speaker communicates to this House, his Honour the Governour's Answer to the Address of this House of Yesterday, viz.

Gentlemen,  
I Return you my sincere Thanks for Your affectionate Address; and shall think my self happy in being any way instrumental towards the Welfare of the Province.  
Cha. Calvert.

To the Honourable Speaker, and the Lower House of Assembly.

His Honour the Governour on his Lordship's Behalf was pleased to deliver the following Speech, viz.

C. BALTEMORE.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

I Thank you for your late dutiful Addresses; and notwithstanding some Differences among you, I persuade myself you severally pursue the same End; and aim in general at the Good and Welfare of the Province: And as it is our mutual Happiness, that the Province has with Justice, Equity and Prudence, been hitherto governed; so the best Means to continue these inestimable Blessings among us, is to persevere in the same Method of Rule and Obedience: And I think I cannot better manifest my Steadiness, in making the Publick Good the Rule of my Government, than by Preserving to you His Majesty's Subjects in this Part of the World under my Care, such Laws, Rules, Customs and Usages, as are undoubted, certain, constantly adhered to, and practised among you.

Gentlemen of the Lower House,

In your Address, you agree the Council of State deserve their Reward, tho' you are unwilling they shou'd find it out of the same Levies they receiv'd it long before, at the Time, and ever since the Making the Act, which among other Things, raises the Twelve Pence per Hoghead in the Absence of the Lord Proprietary, towards the better Maintaining the Dignity and Station of his Lieutenant Governour actually inhabiting and residing within this Province; and to such other necessary Uses towards the Support and Defence of the Lord Proprietary's Government of this Province, as in his Lordship's Wisdom to him shall seem meet: But on the contrary alledge, that ample Provision was made and annually raised by that Act, and therefore it ought not to be annually levied by a Poll-Tax again on the People: Whereas it was never mentioned, or intended, or even imagined, 'till of late by some, that their Allowance should come out of any Part of the Duty raised by Virtue of that Act, whereby I give up so great a Part of my Property, as all my Quit-Rents and Alienation Fines are: And I hope none of my good Tenants will persist in thinking any longer that it ought, but rather choose to shew their Duty in their Actions as well as Expressions, by consenting that the Council of State should have their Recompence in the same Manner they have long since found it; and not put me upon the unwilling Task of shewing the People of Maryland the true Value of my said Rents and Fines, and the necessary Consequences of Advantage attending me in a just and legal Collection of them, above the Composition I have consented to take in Lieu of them, by the temporary Continuance of that Act.

C. BALTEMORE.

After which his Honour the Governour was pleas'd to make the following Speech.

Gen.