
To His Excellency BENEDICT LEONARD CALVERT,
Governour and Commander in Chief, in and over the
the Province of MARYLAND,

The Humble Address

OF THE

Upper House of ASSEMBLY.

May it please Your Excellency,



IF many Instances we have already had, of Your Excellency's tender Regard, for the Prosperity of this His Lordship's Province of *Maryland*, increased by the present Assurances You have been pleased to give us, in Your most favourable Speech to both Houses of Assembly, at the Opening of this Session, justly merits our unfeigned Thanks; and inspires us with firm Resolutions, to use our utmost Endeavours, for Preserving the Sovereignty of the Crown, the Government of the Lord Proprietary, and the Common Welfare of the People, so as to promote Your Excellency's further Satisfaction, and a general Tranquility.

THE Assurance, His Lordship hath been pleased to direct Your Excellency to give us, of his Aversion to any Difference with his Tenants, we gratefully accept: And, in Return to such a condescending Declaration, think our selves obliged to a strict Conformity of our Duty; and in all Respects to demean our selves so to His Lordship, as not to give any just Occasion to discompose so obliging a Disposition.

AND, as by the Act, prescribing the *Oath of Justice*, (to which His Lordship has been pleased to Dis-assent) we never intended any Thing that should reflect on the Crown, or affect His Majesty's Royal Prerogative, either in respect to his Sovereign Person, or the Charter to the Lord Proprietary; both which, we think our selves obliged inviolably to preserve: So, if we have been so unhappy, as to use any Expressions in that Act, which will bear a Construction so contrary to our Intentions, upon being made sensible thereof, we shall readily retract, alter and amend them, in such Manner, as shall be satisfactory to His Lordship, and Your Excellency, and suitable to the Royal Charter, and the Rights, Customs and Usages of this Province, which His Lordship, in so obliging a Manner, has express'd his good Inclinations to preserve to us and our Posterity.

HIS Lordship's Goodness, in Presenting the General Address of the last Session of Assembly, to His most Sacred Majesty, requires our grateful Acknowledgment.

We shall carefully and maturely consider the *Virginia Act*, for Erecting a Light house upon *Cape Henry*, when your Excellency shall be pleased to lay it before us; together with what you have been pleased to observe, relating to