

mily; and that, should the Royal Prerogative suffer any Injury or Diminution, We His Majesty's Loyal Subjects, must be involved in all the unhappy Consequences: Whence, we conceive it follows, that our own Interest would not fail to dictate to us, That we ought not (could we have a Prospect of succeeding) to attempt any thing prejudicial to our most Gracious King, His Prerogative or Dignity. And we beg Leave to add, That the Laws of *England* instruct us, That the Royal Prerogative is never better exerted, than in Supporting the Subject in all his Rights, which Rights cannot possibly be supported, unless Justice be duly and impartially administered, according to the good *English* Laws: And it is very certain, that Those intrusted with the Administration of Justice, cannot possibly be under too many Obligations to discharge their Duty with Integrity. And, altho' the People of *Maryland*, have the Misfortune to live in a very remote Part of His Majesty's Dominions; yet are they enough acquainted with the invaluable Blessings, which all *British* Subjects derive from His present Gracious Majesty, the Greatest and Best of Kings; and that nothing can be more inconsistent with His Royal Goodness, than that any thing which has the Appearance of a Command or Authority from His Majesty, should operate to the Prejudice of the meanest of His Subjects.

These Observations, your Committee submit to the Consideration of the House.

Which Report being twice read, by the Clerk of the House, the House unanimously concur with the said Committee in their Reports, and thereupon it is *Order'd*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Laws, that in the Answer to the Governour's Speech, the Inconsistency of the Oath recommended in his Honour the Governour's Speech, be observed; and Reasons given wherefore this House doth not approve of it.

Adjourn'd 'till to Morrow Morning, 9 a-Clock.



(Die Martis, Octobris 8.)

THE House met according to Adjournment. The Petition of the Rev. Mr. *William Tibbs*, of *Baltimore* County, refer'd to this House from the Upper House, read and rejected.

Order'd, That a Bill be brought in, entitled, *A Petitionary Act for the*

On Motion made, Whether the Gentlemen ~~to be~~ turn'd as Delegates, be admitted to appear at the Bar of this House as Council? the Question being put, Resolv'd, *Nem. Con.* That they be not admitted to plead at the Bar of this House.

The several Petitions of *Mary Gordon*, *Thomas Price*, *John Powel*, *Samuel Stephens*, and *John Nowell*, languishing Prisoners in *Anne-Arundel* County, which were recommended to this House from the Upper House, being read,

Order'd, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for their Relief.

The Petition of *Thomas Worsley*, a languishing Prisoner in *Anne-Arundel* County Goal, read and rejected.

Daniel Dulany, Esq; and *Joshua George*, are Order'd to go and acquaint the Governour, the House hath prepared an Address to his Honour's Speech; and desire to know if his Honour is at Leisure to receive the same. They return and acquaint the House that they deliver'd their Message, and that the Governour is ready to receive the Address: Whereupon *Daniel Dulany*, Esq; *Mr. Crabb*, *Mr. George*, *Mr. Key*, *Mr. Harris*, *Mr. Fenings*, *Mr. Samuel Hanson*, *Major Perrie*, *Col. Belt*, *Mr. Worthington*, *Mr. Knight*, and *Mr. Stoughton*, were order'd to attend his Honour the Governour, with the said Address: They return and inform the House they deliver'd it: Which is as follows;