

Rights, armed in a suitable manner, to our good and honourable Pretensions. We desire it may be published.

October 20, 1728.

And the following Message, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly October 28, 1728.

Gentlemen,

The Copy of a seditious Paper, herewith sent you, and by his Excellency laid before the Two Houses of Assembly, is an Evidence of his great Goodness, and particular Condescension, in communicating to us, the Dangerous Practices, which have been secretly carried on, and now publickly avowed, by some audacious and designing Persons, against the Freedom of Legislation, if not worse Designs, in disturbing the Peace and Quiet of his Majesty's Subjects within this Province. Such Practices, Gentlemen, as they are dangerous Novelties amongst us, ought to be treated with the utmost Detestation; and the Authors thereof, (when discovered) punished according to their just Demerits, for preventing the like Attempts for the future. which nothing can give a greater Discouragement to, than the Publick Resentments of both Houses, against such vile and seditious Practices, upon this present Conjunction.

Mr. Tolley, hath Leave of this House to go home, on his emergent Occasions.

The Bill entituled, An Act for the Relief of several poor Debtors, being read, was Order'd to be thus Indors'd, viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, October 28, 1728.

Read the second Time, and will pass.

Sent to the Upper House, by Mr. Key, and Mr. Hemsley, who return and say they delivered the same. Edmund Fenings, Esq; from the Committee of Laws, delivers Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entituled, An Act for Limitation of Officers Fees.

The House having taking into their Consideration, the Governour's Letter, appoint Edmund Fenings, Esq; and Col. Gale, to prepare an Address thereto.

The House adjourns till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.



Die Martis, Octobris 29, 1728.

THE House met this Day according to Adjournment. The Members were call'd, and all present as Yesterday, except Mr. Tolley. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

Nicholas Lowe, Esq; from the Upper House delivers Mr. Speaker the Paper Bill, entituled, An Act for laying out of Land, and erecting a Town in St. Mary's County, at a Place called Seymour-Town, thus Indors'd, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, October 29, 1728.

The Ingross'd Bill whereof this is the Original, is read and assented to, by this House.

Charles Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Message, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, October 29, 1728.

Gentlemen,

The Deposition herewith sent, has been read in this House; and, as it concerns some of the Members of your House, we have thought fit to recommend it to you, for your serious Consideration, not doubting but you will take such Measures as the Nature of the Case requires.

Edmund Fenings, Esq; and Col. Gale, were order'd to go and acquaint the Governour, that this House hath prepared an Address; and desire to know if his Honour is at Leisure to receive the same; who return, and say they acquainted the Governour of their Message, and that he would be ready to receive the said Address in half an Hour.

John Hall, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Bill, entituled, An Act for dividing of St. Paul's Parish, in Queen Anne's, and Part of Talbot Counties, thus Indors'd, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, October 28, 1728.

Read the first Time, and order'd to lie on the Table: And thus, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, October 29, 1728.

Read the second Time, and will pass.

The Address to his Honour the Governour contained in the following Words, viz.

To the Honourable BENEDICT LEONARD CALVERT, Esq; Governour of the Province of Maryland,

The Humble Address of the House of Delegates.

May it please your Honour,

We desire your Honour to receive in this Manner, our hearty and sincere Thanks, for the Favour of communicating to us, a Copy of a scandalous, insolent, and seditious Paper, dated the 20th Instant: And we cannot but acknowledge the great Satisfaction which we have, in the Sense your Honour is pleased to express (in your Letter of the 28th Instant) with which we are honoured, of such dangerous and daring Designs.

The Love of English Liberty, is too prevalent in our Breasts, to suffer us to be silent on this Occasion. Small Hopes the People of Maryland may entertain of their Representatives in Assembly convened, if Awe and Fears, instead of Freedom and Constancy, must take Place in their Debates and Votes. But we can with Pleasure give an Assurance of this our Resolution, to discountenance and destroy, to the utmost of our Power, every Appearance of a Restraint on our Words and Actions, in whatever Shape it may shew it self prejudicial and destructive to the Rights and Priviledges inseparable from our Legislative Capacity.

Upon these Motives, we hope your Honour will be pleased to order such other Papers and Intelligences to be laid before us, as may have been produc'd to your Honour, in order to detect the Authors of such Designs as are contained in that scandalous Paper. Towards which Discovery, your Honour has, which much Care, been pleas'd to issue a Proclamation, with the Promise of a Reward; to make which good, we shall readily join. And we do assure you, Sir, our Endeavours shall not be wanting, in whatever may be necessary for the Vindicating the Safety and Freedom of Legislation of English Men.

October 29, 1728. Sign'd in Behalf of the Lower House, per John Maskall, Speaker.

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