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The following Message being prepared,

May it please your Honours,

As we hope this Session will end to Night, we desire your House will give all the Dispatch you possibly can, to the Business now before you.

Sent to the Upper House by Col. Gale, and Mr. Johnson; who return and say they deliver'd the same.

Col. Belt, from the Committee of Aggrievances, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Petition of Robert Elliot, of St. Adary's County, Gent. with this Indorsement, viz.

By the Committee of Aggrievances, November 2, 1728.

Upon considering the within Petition, your Committee are of Opinion, That it is an Aggrievance, that any Person should be admitted to be Clerk of any County, upon the Appointment of the Secretary, that knows nothing of his Business of Clerkship; for such Clerks are not capable to direct their Deputy, or know when they comply with their Duty. All which is humbly submitted by your Committee to the Consideration of the House.

The following Address being prepared, was ordered to be Entred thus :

To His Excellency B E N E D I C T L E O N A R D C A L V E R T, Esq; Governour of Maryland

The Humble A D D R E S S of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly.

May it please your Excellency,

FROM a Sense of your Excellency's ready Disposition to the Welfare and Prosperity of this Province, we have the greatest Reason to hope of your Honour's kind Acceptance of this Application.

The general Consent of the Province's being reduced into the most deplorable Circumstances, by the miserable Condition in which our Staple of Tobacco is at present, has engaged the two Houses of Assembly, by their Duty to their Country, to endeavour the Relieving the Province from such a State, which no true Lover of it can view without the utmost Anguish. In this Regard, a Bill for the Improvement of the Staple of Tobacco has pass'd the Two Houses; But here, we must beg Leave to express our Surprise and Concern, that a particular Sett of Persons should not only think themselves injured by being included in such Bill, in the same Proportion and in Common with the rest of the Inhabitants; but also have not been wanting in Attempts to frustrate the good Designs and Intentions of the Legislators.

We all always readily shew our Deference and Respect to the Order and Ministry of the Clergy: Nor can we think we have acted in any Manner inconsistent with these our Professions, by obliging the Clergy of this Province to an Abatement; at the most, but equivalent to every individual Inhabitant, in this Time of the common Misfortune of this Province; and from which we conceive they ought not to be exempted by any Rules of Religion, Justice, or Law. This Proceeding will, in our humble Apprehension, appear the more reasonable, since the Annual Allowances raised for the Use of the Clergy in this Province amount to 1197320 l. of Tobacco! A Burthen and Charge too great and insupportable for the Inhabitants to bear after the Abatement is made, which is design'd by the Tobacco-Bill, from the Labours of the Inhabitants; unless a moderate and reasonable Price, in Common with the other Creditors of Tobacco Debts, should be paid for the same: And after that Rate, the said Quantity of 1197320 l. of Tobacco, when divided amongst the Clergy of this Province, will be about 30000 Pounds of Tobacco, clear of all Charges and Deductions, to each of them, one with another: And That, sold at the Rate proposed by the Bill, will be about 150 Pounds Current Money of this Province; if their Revenue should be paid in Tobacco with the Deduction of a Fourth, they will have the Advantage of the Market, with the other Inhabitants.

We cannot but flatter our selves, That your Honour will continue, in this Particular, your Tenderness to this Country, and discountenance and discourage the Endeavours of any Person, in any Manner, and in any Place, to destroy what is thought to be so absolutely Necessary for the Preservation and Well-Being of Maryland.

The ingross'd Bill, entituled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act for Relieving the Inhabitants of this Province, from some Aggrievances in the Prosecutions of Suits at Law*, was read and assented to by this House; and sent to the Upper House by Mr. George, and Mr. Thomson; who return and say they delivered the same.

Charles Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Paper Bill, entituled, *An Act for Repairing and Enlarging the Church in the City of Annapolis, and for the building a Chappel of Ease in the Parish of St. Anne's in Anne-Arundel County; and to impower the Raising and Levying a Quantity of Tobacco for that Purpose*; thus Indors'd, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly November 2, 1728.

The ingross'd Bill whereof this is the Original, is read and assented to by this House: And the following Message, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, November 2, 1728.

Gentlemen,

His Excellency, the Governour, having been at a very considerable Expence in Proclaiming His Most Sacred Majesty, King G E O R G E the Second, His happy Accession to the Throne of His Royal Ancestors: Which Ceremony was performed after the best and most suitable Manner the Circumstances of this Province would admit of. We therefore recommend to your House the Consideration of an Acknowledgment to his Excellency, suitable to his Zeal and Expence on the Occasion; in which this House will most readily concur.

And the Journal of Accounts thus Indors'd, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, Nov. 2, 1728.

Read and assented to: And, in Answer to the above Protestation, we say, that many Instances may be found upon the Records of this Province, where Proclamations have been issued by the Governour and Council, prohibiting the Exportation of Corn, as often as the Necessity of the Country requires it: And it is obvious to all the Inhabitants, at the Time when the Proclamations above protested against, were issued, there was the greatest Necessity to prevent the Exportation of Corn; being