



THE
S P E E C H

Of His Excellency

BENEDICT LEONARD CALVERT,

TO

Both Houses of Assembly,

May the 21st, 1730.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,



HOWEVER inconvenient, in many Respects, this Time of Year may be, for our Meeting in Assembly, yet such is the present Condition of Our Staple, that a speedy Care for its Amendment is necessary: It is therefore, you are now convened, that you might have an early Opportunity to consult the Publick Good therein.

THE late great Affliction, wherewith it hath pleased Divine Providence to visit me, and Indispositions that have attended me, have very much impeded the Application of my Thoughts to Publick Business, so that I have little to lay before you at present, as of my own Consideration.

Gentlemen,

PURSUANT to the joint Address of both Houses, I have concerted, as far as possible, since last Session, a Correspondence with *Virginia*: Some Time before, a Scheme had there been formed, towards an useful Tobacco-Law, and sent to *England* for Approbation; and I understand, it is so far approv'd of, that it is to be now laid before the *Virginia* Assembly: A Copy of it I shall communicate to you, for your Consideration. The main Scope of it, is, I apprehend,