
To the Honourable
BENEDICT LEONARD CALVERT, *Esq;*
Governour of *MARYLAND*,

THE
Humble ADDRESS
OF
The House of DELEGATES.

May it please your Honour,



WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Freemen of *Maryland*, in Assembly convened, return your Honour our most humble and hearty Thanks, for giving us this Opportunity (however inconvenient it may be to us, with Regard to our private Concerns) of consulting a Matter of such great Importance to our Country, as the Amendment of our Staple.

AND we are truly sorry for, and condole with Your Honour, on the Cause of your Affliction, as well as your own Indisposition.

WE acknowledge, with the deepest Sense of Gratitude, your Regard to the Welfare of this Province, and Compliance with the joynt Address of both Houses of Assembly, in concerting a Correspondence with *Virginia*; the People of which Colony, cannot but be convinced, as we are, that their Welfare, as well as ours, depends on the Amendment of our common Staple Tobacco. And that whether we pursue the same, or different Means, the End ought to be the same.

AS to the Scheme your Honour has been pleas'd to communicate to us, we shall take the same, as well as every Thing else that shall occur, or be propos'd to us, into our most serious Consideration; and endeavour, to the best of our Understanding, to form such a Tobacco-Law, as may remove some of the Miseries under which our Country at present groans. And do all we can to dispatch the other Publick Business, with the least Expence to the People we represent.

YOUR Honour's Wishes, that Wisdom and Moderation, may direct our Councils, and the Assurances you have been pleas'd to give us of your Inclination to advance our real Happiness, not only deserves our most