

John Kebley Esq. and Daniel Deane Esq. and sent to the lower house
His Excellency the Governour that a sufficient number of Members
should be made up of the Members of the Lower House
Call. Richard Selkman from the Upper House to the Speaker
that his Excellency the Governour should send him and the other Members of this House
immediately to attend him in the Upper House; then to the

M. Speaker left the Chair and with the rest of the Members of this House
went to attend his Excellency the Governour in the Upper House who was to
make the following speech

Gentlemen of the Upper & Lower Houses of Assembly

I have an Intention to visit my Native Country upon account of my
health, which for sometime past I have been much wanted and not knowing how
suddenly I might undertake the Voyage, I inclined to Absence of Assembly at
this time pursuant to our last Prolocution that I might one more at least join with
you in my best Endeavour for the real Service of the Country & leave to know
I shall ever be ready to let the kindest Success part

His Excellency the Lord Proprietary having transmitted me his Answer
to your joint Address in the Last Session, I shall lay the same before you pursuant
to his Excellency's Direction.

I must renew my former Recommendation of new Circumpection in the
Penning of our Laws, since the Welfare as well as the Credit of them will much depend
thereon. I am informed by some of the Naval Officers, that several persons (who in
their Opinions seem not entitled thereto) claim the Benefit of the Laws made in
Favour of Residents as to the Publick Duties, and in as much as those Laws are
by many thought not sufficiently clear in their Expressions, an Explanation thereupon
may clear all Doubts and prevent further Disputes which I hope you will therefore
consider of.

Altho' we must principally rely on the Divine Providence of an happy Issue
to all our Consultations yet on our part we must not be wanting in Calm and Diligent
Attention thereto; should we search after Wisdom we must Suspend in the Pursuit of
Concord there only the Delights of Death, there may be had Freedom of Opinions with her and
Moderation only can show us the Paths that lead thereto.

And as I have such Intentions of leaving for sometime his Excellency's Good
Tenants here may be assured that my best Endeavours shall not be wanting in England upon
any Occasion wherein I can be Serviceable to them I desire the presence of your own
Measures may be with effect to my best Inclination in the service of the Province of Maryland
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