

With the most hearty thanks for your kind Speech at the Opening of this Session and for the regard You have had to the Conveniency of the time of its being holden.

We assure your Excellency that the News of the honorable safe and safe Arrival in Great Britain of our Lord Proprietary and his Lady, to whom we wish with the greatest Sincerity all Happiness and Prosperity, was most Welcome and Agreeable to us, as it always will be to those of the Welfare of his Lordship and his Noble Family.

We acknowledge with the deepest Sense of Gratitude his Lordship's great Care to prevent the Counterfeiting our Bills of Credit upon singular Services to his Province and a Demonstration of his Lordship's Generous and paternal Care for its Interest: The Difficulty if not Impossibility of Counterfeiting those Bills cannot fail of tending to their real Worth, and Supporting their Credit is of that Importance to the People of Maryland that they may justly deem any Person who shall Endeavour to depreciate them, to be an Enemy to their Country and we hope and trust that the United Efforts of those who have the Publick Interest at Heart will render all Endeavours to prejudice our Paper (issuance) fruitless and abortive and that every Attempt to such a wicked purpose will be attended with Shame and Disappointment.

It cannot be denied but that it is Necessary at all times to have a Sufficient Fund for Supplying the Country with Arms and Ammunition for its Necessary Defence: Not but that the present Alarms and Apprehensions of a War strengthen the reasons for such a Fund at this juncture; and therefore we are determined to consider in the best Manner we are able the Means of Making a Suitable Provision for that end.

Your past Conduct has sufficiently evinc'd your regard for the Honour and Prosperity of this Province and the prudent Manner that you are pleas'd in the Close of your Speech to Represent that Disposition of Mind and Unanimity which are Necessary to promote the Dispatch of business and the lessening the publick Charge, is a further Testimony of the Continuance of the same Benevolence which You have shewn in the whole Course of Your Administration And it must be agreed by all Mankind that Dispatching the Publick Business and lessening the publick Expence is an Essential part of the Duty of a faithful and honest Representative of the People.

Which Address was Approved and Ordered to be ingrossed. Edmund Jennings Esq from the Upper House Delivers the Petition of Peter Harriot of Charles County read and recommended to this House, which was Read here and Granted.

And the Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Somerset County referred here, which was referred by this House for further Consideration.

The House Adjourns until tomorrow Morning Eight of the Clock.