

IT is a Truth not to be contradicted, that of the many inestimable Blessings which We enjoy under His Majesty's most mild and just Government, the Liberty of making such Laws, not inconsistent with those of Our Mother Country, or with the Trade and Interest thereof, as may be most proper to promote Our own Welfare, is not the least; and it is equally true, that the Advantages which We shall derive from this Privilege, must be in Proportion to the Wisdom and Prudence that govern Our Consultations; and therefore We hope, that Our own Interest and a just Sense of Our Duty to those We represent, will so govern Us, as that the real Service of Our Country will be Our only View; which nothing can promote more than such Regulations concerning Our Staple, Tobacco, as may keep up its Price.

WE readily agree with Your Excellency, that it is Our Interest always (tho' the unsettled Condition of *Europe* may call upon Us more particularly at this Time,) to have the Province in such a Posture of Defence, as may be sufficient, not only to defeat, but even to prevent, any Attack from Our Enemies; and therefore We shall take due Care, to make as good a Provision for that Purpose as Our Circumstances, will admit of.

NO Arguments are needful to prove so self-evident a Truth, as that the true Interest of the Province can never be pursued without a good Agreement between the several Branches of the Legislature: And We most gratefully acknowledge Your reminding Us of it; and the Assurances You have been pleased to give Us, of Your endeavouring to promote so necessary a Means to lay a sure and lasting Foundation for Our future Happiness; and We promise Our selves the greatest Unanimity, in following therein Your Excellency's most laudable Example.

Which was read, approved, and ordered to be ingrossed.

The House adjourns 'til Two o' Clock, in the Afternoon.

*Monday, Post-Meridiem.*

The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. *Dulany* brings in the Address to the Governor, ingrossed.

Mr. *Dulany*, and Col. *Gale*, sent to acquaint the Governor, an Address is prepared by this House to His Excellency; and desire to know when and where he will receive the same. They return, and acquaint Mr. *Speaker*, The Governor will receive it in the Conference Chamber.

Mr. *Dulany*, and Twelve more, sent to attend the Governor with the Address. They return, and acquaint Mr. *Speaker*, They delivered it.

A Petition of the Freeholders, Inhabitants and legal Voters of the City of *Annapolis*, complaining of an undue Election, read; and Ordered an Hearing on *Monday* next.

The Petition of the Middle Part of *Prince George* Parish, in *Prince George* County, read; and Leave given to bring in a Bill, as prayed.

The House adjourns 'til To-morrow Morning, at Nine o' Clock.

*Tuesday,*