

To His Excellency SAMUEL OGLE, Esq, Governor of MARYLAND.

The Humble Address of the Lower House of Assembly.

May it please your Excellency,

WHILE the Representatives of His Lordship's dutiful Tenants have received divers Complaints of Exactions and Oppressions committed by some of the Farmers, and their Receivers of his Lordship's Quit-Rents, by their under-valuing Foreign Coins, as well Silver as Gold, as also by their receiving the said Coins at various Rates, in the several Counties: and as we are very gratefully sensible of his Lordship's declared Intention of making the Collection not only not oppressive, but easy to his good Tenants, and of Your Excellency's constant Disposition to discountenance any Measures which may seem injurious to the Properties of the People of Maryland:

WE therefore presume humbly to entreat Your Excellency to give Directions to the proper Officers to lay before this House, the Instructions his Lordship hath been pleased to give concerning the Value of such Foreign Coins, in order that this House may judge, whether such Complaints are justly made: And in Hopes, in Case such Exactions should be fully proved, some Method, by Your Excellency's kind Interposition, may be found out to prevent the same for the future.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of William Tower, of London, Merchant*, was read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Michael Howard, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker, a Petition of the Vestry of Queen-Anne's Parish, in Prince George County: Recommended by the Upper House. Which was here read and granted.

Col. Hooper, and Capt. Woolford, Two Representatives of Dorchester County, appeared in the House this Morning.

The Address to his Excellency was brought in ingrossed.

Mr. Matthews, and Mr. Denton, sent to acquaint his Excellency, this House hath prepared an Address to his Excellency, and desires to know when and where he will receive it. They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, the Governor will be ready to receive the same immediately in the Conference Chamber.

Mr. Smith, and Eleven more, sent to present the Address to the Governor.

The House adjourned until Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Post Meridum.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. Magruder appeared this Afternoon.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for the more effectual Punishment of certain Offenders; and for taking from them the Benefit of Clergy* Read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Dulany, Mr. Key, Mr. George, and Mr. Richard Francis, appointed a Committee to enquire into the Defects of the several Laws now in Force, relating to Testamentary Affairs, &c.

The Governor communicated the following Answer to the Address of this House, presented this Day.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

IHAVE, in Pursuance of your Address for that Purpose, given Directions to his Lordship's Agent, to lay before you the Instructions his Lordship has been pleased to give concerning the Value of Foreign Coins, and do assure you, that nothing shall be wanting on my Part, to discountenance and discourage all Exactions and Oppressions of whatsoever Nature, by the Collectors and Receivers of his Lordship's Quit-Rents: If I was to act otherwise, I should not only disobey his Lordship's repeated Commands, but do violence to my own Inclinations, which I hope will always lead me to do perfect Justice to all his Lordship's Tenants.

SAMUEL OGLE:

The House adjourns until To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Thursday Morning, May 5, 1737.

THE House met according to Adjournment.

Col. Gale, a Representative of Somerset County, appeared in the House this Morning.

The following Message sent to the Upper House, by Col. Gale, and Mr. Tilghman.

May it please Your Honours,

By the Lower House of Assembly, May 5, 1737.

This House hath appointed Col. Gale, Mr. Foy, Mr. Trippe, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Morle, and Mr. Stoddert, to join any Members your House shall appoint, as a Committee to inspect the Accounts and Proceedings of the Commissioners for Emitting the Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly.

Ordered, That the Committee of Laws prepare a Bill to enable the Committee appointed by both Houses, to inspect the Accounts and Proceedings of the Commissioners for Emitting the Bills of Credit, &c. to destroy what old Bills of Credit are remaining in the Paper Office, for which new Bills have been given in Change.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of William Tower, of London, Merchant*. Read a second Time, and committed for Amendments.

Ordered. That the Executors of Col. Samuel Young, late Treasurer of the Western Shore, be acquainted, that this House requires them to lay before the Committee of Accounts, an Account of what Money due to the Publick is now remaining in their Hands.

Ordered,