

To His Excellency SAMUEL OGLE, Esq; Governor of MARYLAND.
The Humble Address of the Lower House of Assembly.

My it please your Excellency,

WE make our grateful Acknowledgement to Your Excellency, for Your obliging Answer to our Address, for having the Instructions given by his Lordship to the Agent, concerning the Rate of Foreign Gold and Silver, laid before us; and Your kind Declaration therein, that nothing shall be wanting on Your Part, to discountenance and discourage all Extortions and Oppressions of whatever Nature, with great Regard: And assure Your Excellency, it affords us a more than ordinary Pleasure at this Time, as we find our selves under a Necessity of making a further Application, we presume to acquaint Your Excellency, that in Pursuance of Your Direction, the Agent hath thought proper to lay before us a Copy of his Lordship's Fourth Instruction, dated at *London*, the Fifteenth Day of *December*, Seventeen Hundred and Thirty Five, which directs, that all Foreign Gold shall be taken at Three Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Nine Pence, and Silver at Five Shillings the Ounce, that being the Price they bear at *London*; he hath laid before us likewise a Paper without Date, either as to Time or Place, which he is pleased to term the Copy of an Instruction that appears to us to have been a Consideration had upon Foreign whole and cut Gold long since; and if ever, hath not of late been made the Rule of His Lordship's Conduct, as appears by Instructions he hath delivered to Farmers and Receivers: We find our selves oblig'd to declare, that when we consider the comprehensive and general Terms of the Instruction of the Fifteenth of *December*, Seventeen Hundred and Thirty Five, we are in great Doubt, whether His Lordship then gave, or at any Time since hath given any other Instructions relating to Foreign Gold, although the Agent hath been pleased to intimate that there is another which he had not found, whereby he thinks the Rate of cut Gold is affixed at Three Pounds the Ounce; conceiving, that as he is doubtful as to the Value of cut Gold by the said Instruction, he may, perhaps, have been mistaken as to the Instruction it self; and as a full and positive Information, in Relation to such Instruction, or the Instruction it self, if any such there be, is highly necessary to be laid before this House, and absolutely so, in order to enable us to make a compleat and perfect Inquiry into several grievous Impositions, which we apprehend many of His Lordship's faithful Tenants have for some Time past laboured under: We find our selves again obliged to have Recourse to Your Excellency, earnestly entreating, that You will give such effectual Orders to the Agent, as shall oblige him to lay before us the Instruction which he hath intimated, he thinks regulates cut Gold at Three Pounds the Ounce; or in more full and implicit Terms, declare the Contents of the said Instruction, the Date thereof, and when he received it from His Lordship.

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

On reading the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Ease and Encouragement of Settlers on the remote and back Parts of this Province.*

The Question was put, Whether the Exemption of paying Tobacco in Specie, be confined in the Bill, or reach the rest of the Inhabitants of the Province who are not Tobacco-makers? Resolved, that it be proposed, as an Amendment to the Bill, to reach the rest of of the Inhabitants, who are not Tobacco-makers.

For the Bill to reach the rest of the Inhabitants of the Province who are not Tobacco-makers.

Mr. *Foardan*,
Mr. *Waugbop*,
— *Wilson*,
— *Kennard*,
— *Hall*,
— *Hammond*,
— *Denton*,
— *Smith*,
— *Skinner*,

Mr. *King*,
— *Edmundson*,
— *Goldsborough*,
— *Trippe*,
— *Woolford*,
— *Browne*,
— *Sheredine*,
— *Hamilton*,

Mr. *Moale*,
— *Matthews*,
— *Magruder*,
— *Sprigg*,
— *Stoddert*,
— *Gordon*,
— *Elliott*,
— *Wright*.

For the Exemption of paying Tobacco in Specie, to be confined, as in the Bill.

Mr. *Key*,
Mr. *Dulany*,
— *Warfield*,
— *Mackall*,
— *Courts*,
— *Middleton*,
— *Hanson*,

Mr. *Hawkins*,
— *Gale*,
— *Stoughton*,
— *Dashiels*,
— *Needles*,
— *Tench Francis*,

Col. *Hooper*,
Mr. *Johnson*,
— *George*,
— *Ward*,
— *Richard Francis*,
— *Tilghman*,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hammond*, Col. *King*, and Mr. *Denton*, prepare an Amendment to the said Bill.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to alter the Time of superseding Executions.* Read the second Time, and will not pass.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act, repealing an Act, intituled, An Act for Limitation of the Time of shipping Tobacco.* Read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. *Hammond* delivers Mr. *Speaker*, the Address to the Governor, ingrossed.

Mr.