

It clearly appears to this House as it did to their Committee, (and which they were ready to evince, and to that Purpose ordered their Clerk to attend) That the Act made in 1692, entitled, *An Act for Settlement of an annual Revenue upon their Majesty's Governor within this Province for the Time being*, and Recorded in *Liber L. L. Folio 21, &c.* was at a Session of Assembly, held at the Port of *Annapolis* the 28th Day of *June* 1699, continued as a Law of this Province, and as such is recorded among other Laws then Past and Continued, in another Record Book *L. L. Folio 30, &c.* with some small variation from the former, and is likewise named in a Catalogue of the Titles of Laws, which are continued in Force by an Act passed at the said Session of 1699, and Recorded in the same Book, and which Act of 1699 is acknowledged to be such by both Houses of Assembly, in several Messages which Passed at a Session *Anno 1723.*

We omit saying more in Reply to your Excellency's Answer, than that we assure You we have considered this Matter coolly and with impartial Deliberation, as we shall every Other that relates to the Welfare of our Constituents; but we cannot think it safe to come into a Confirmatory or Perpetual Law, which your Excellency seems to insist upon, for Support of his Lordship's Government: And altho' we are ready and desirous to do any reasonable Thing in our Power to procure a good Understanding between the Government and People, we humbly hope that the Sacrificing the Security of our Property, Rights and just Liberties, will not be insisted on to gain that End.

Signed *per* Order,

JOHN MACKALL, Speaker.

To which his Excellency was pleased to make the following  
A N S W E R :

*Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,*

I Have considered your Address delivered to me on the 6th Instant by Mr. *Sprigg*, and am obliged to you for the Satisfaction you profess yourselves to have in my expressing my kind Intentions for the Good of the Province, and you may be assured of my Sincerity therein, and that I shall at all Times use my utmost endeavours to promote the Publick Interest, whatever Disputes we may have upon some Points, which I shall never insist on farther than I think my Duty in my present Station absolutely requires of me.