

of Maryland may have just Cause to Complain of, as not to join cheerfully in proper Methods for their Redress and Ease, and procuring Justice to be done them: But we may presume to say, that the language of Doing themselves Justice, cannot be consistent with their Subjection and Obedience due to his Majesty, who makes the Laws the Rule of his Actions, and will Expect and Exact from his Subjects, that their Actions also should be Conformable to those Laws.

To conclude, we hope the World (which has been so much talk'd of in this Debate) will have an opportunity of seeing this Message, together with the Bill, and the others on the same Subject.

Signed per Order, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.

The Governor's Answer to General Address about Aggrievances, communicated to this House, which was Read, and follows in these Words:

*Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,*

I Have considered your Address delivered to me by Mr. Speaker on the 6th Instant, and assure you, that I am, and always shall be, sincerely desirous of the Welfare of the Province, and ready at all Times to give a helping Hand to the Removal of every Obstacle to it's Happiness and Prosperity, and particularly of such Grievances represented by the Lower House of Assembly, as shall upon a due Consideration appear to me to be real and not imaginary ones.

But then you must allow, that whatever are his Lordship's legal and just Rights, can be no way affected by any Resolution or Representation of your House, but must remain in the same State as if you had never taken the same under your Consideration.

Of this Nature is the first Grievance set forth in your present Address relating to the *Fourteen Pence per Ton*, which his Lordship receives for every Vessel not properly belonging to this Province, which I must be so candid as to say, His Lordship has, in my Opinion, as good a Right to, as any Gentleman in your House, or in the Province, can have to his own Estate.

That no Man may find he has a worse Title to what he at present possesses, is a Wish that I believe very many will join with me very sincerely in; the Law of 1661 which you mention, having not only stood an Attack from the Lower House of Assembly, but from the whole Legislative Power of this Province, which Passed an Act to Repeal it, and take the said *Fourteen Pence per Ton* from his Lordship's Noble Ancestors, which Act was Dissented to by the Crown for the apparent Unjustness and Unreasonableness of it.