

Although a prettier Scheme for Power and Profit, in our little World of Politicks, could hardly be thought of, yet far be it from us to imagine, that any Persons, either in or out of your House, had any share in this admirable Project with a view of being Trustees; should this ingenious Contrivance ever take effect, the Trustees might play the Game into each others Hands, and represent each other in England; the Authority which they would gain by their Minister's Complaints in England against whatever Person or Thing they pleased, might very soon become terrible and dangerous to every Person they should be pleased to think and stigmatize as Delinquents or Malignants in this Province: And when, after glutting their Vanity with a Dictatorial Power, and under pretence of necessary Uses and Purposes filling their Pockets with Money, they should perceive an approaching Period to their Greatness of Authority and Gain, they might by their Minister's Consent, employ their Power, and the Money intrusted with them, to their own private Advantage, and the very great Prejudice of this Province: Instances of this Kind have not been wanting in America.

We could suggest many other Reasons against this Bill, but we doubt not, what we have already said will be sufficient to convince you of the Necessity and Justice of our Resolution not to Pass it; and we are so little apprehensive of what the World can say to our Disadvantage in this particular, that we shall think it an Honour done us, to have it known, by Printing the Bill with this Message, That this House, with a Firmness becoming an Upper House of Assembly, Rejected a Bill, which not only was big with the most dangerous Consequences to every individual Person in the Province, and would render the Government and whole Country Ridiculous and Contemptible in the Eyes of our Neighbours, but also might draw a severe Censure from the Throne for putting One of his Majesty's Plantations under the Power of certain Persons called Trustees, whose Trust was to survive to each other, and their Persons irremovable during the continuance of the Law.

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

The following Address to his Excellency, viz.

To his Excellency Samuel Ogle, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland:

The humble Address of the House of Delegates.

May it please your Excellency,

**W**E his Majesty's Liege Subjects, the Delegates of the Freemen of the Province of Maryland, in General Assembly Convened, being divested of all partial or self-interested Views, and prompted only by our  
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