

convinced, *Gentlemen*, that you will not find yourselves mistaken in your Opinion of, and Dependance on; the firm Duty and Loyalty of the present Proprietary, Governor or Secretary, from whence you may justly conclude that no Obstacle will arise on their Parts to the Passage of this Bill into a Law (so that his Majesty's Expectations may be complied with) from the Consideration of their Interests in opposition to his Majesty's Service; But it may not be amiss to mention, or unworthy your consideration, that when his Majesty is made acquainted (as no doubt he will) with the dutiful and affectionate Regard the Assembly of *Maryland* shews to those Royal Expectations which occasioned this Meeting; if perchance it should come to his Royal Ear that the Lower House of Assembly in the Year 1739 insisted, that the Act for regulating Ordinaries was not greatly desired, or proper or necessary to the Ease or Happiness of the Province, but rather that it was much complained on, in which the Upper House of Assembly could not agree with them; and that at that Time the Lower House of Assembly could not be prevailed upon to Revive that Act; But that the same Lower House of Assembly in the Year 1740 (without any cogent Necessity, or for want of a better Fund) founded part of their Liberality towards his Majesty's Service on such an Act so much complained of: Would not such Dispositions manifest, that very little Regard was had to the Goodness or Badness, Usefulness or Inconvenience of the Law, but to any Opportunity or Pretence for preventing the usual Application of the Money arising by such Law? Should the Conduct of this Assembly be considered in this Light, and should it appear that this part of the Fund is by this Bill wrongfully perverted to the Benefit of the Publick, and that the Assembly has been Generous at the Expence of a particular Person; May not the Case of this Bill, when Passed into a Law prove to be such, as may put us under a farther and more inconvenient Necessity, than at present, of making a better Provision, to replace the Money to be issued by this Bill.

These Observations we thought proper to lay before you, that we may not endeavour to shew our Loyalty and Obedience to his Majesty's Desires, by a Bill which perhaps hereafter may not prove advantageous to us in many respects, especially as (we apprehend) we may effectually answer his Majesty's Expectations by some other Fund, more certain, more serviceable to the Credit of our Paper Currency, and more just in every Respect.

And we farther observe, that there is not any Provision made in this Bill, to exempt the Masters of the Transport Vessels from Prosecutions or Suits at Law, for Transporting Soldiers insisted, and put on board their