

those publick Services upon the Faith and Credit of the Publick, their Fees now claimed ought in Honour and Justice to be allowed.

As to your Disallowance of the 3213 lb. of Tobacco to the Clerk of the Council, part of it is for Services done at the Request and for the Use of your own Committee of Aggrievances, and which cannot be said to be done by virtue of his Office; the other part relates to Pardons, and which Allowances have been always hitherto made by the Publick to the Clerk of the Council: We cannot comprehend why you think the Charge of 1. 120 7 9 Currency, claimed by the Clerk of the Council, to be unreasonable, since he charges only Four Pence half penny Currency per side; Mr. Denton and Others were formerly allowed Three Pence per side in Gold, and the difference between Gold and Paper is now generally esteemed to be 50 per Cent. besides, this Disallowance must be thought more unaccountable, after your own Allowance of his first Account at Four Pence half penny per side by your Message of the 4th of June 1739; therefore upon the whole we trust you will insert all these several Allowances that the Journal may Pass and the publick Creditors be paid.

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

The following Address to his Excellency was brought in, and Read, Approved, and Ordered to be Ingrossed, viz.

To his Excellency Samuel Ogle, Esq; Governor of Maryland;

The humble Address of the House of Delegates of the said Province:

May it please your Excellency,

IT was because the several Matters contained in your Message of the 23^d Instant have been already sufficiently Answered in former Addresses and Messages, and not that we looked upon them as Unanswerable, that we did not enter into them particularly in our last Address; and we heartily wish we now had it in our Power, consistent with our Duty to those who sent us hither, to return your Excellency an Answer agreeable to you; but as that seems impracticable, we think, that from the plain manner in which we declared our Resolutions in our last Address, there was no room left to protract this Session any longer, when we can see no prospect of Serving the People further by staying here.

We never in any of our Debates questioned the good Qualities or Estates of the Gentlemen of the Upper House, tho' we cannot allow that they are the only Men in the Province of Honour, Justice and Interest, and it is from their Conduct on the present Occasion People must judge of the reasonableness or unreasonableness of their Views: Had your Excellency been pleased to add to your Encomium on your Council, that a Majority of them hold Places of Profit and Trust, at Will, and that the Income of those