

since his Election, hath accepted of the Office of Sheriff of *Worcester* County.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Wortbington* acquaint the Reverend Mr. *Edgar* he is desired to Read Divine Service Morning and Evening during this Session.

*William Stoughton*, Esq; and Col. *Gale*, were Ordered to go to the Upper House, to see Mr. *John Purnell*, Mr. *Thomas Robins*, Mr. *Parker Selby*, and Col. *John Henry*, Four Representatives for *Worcester* County, Qualify themselves. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they were qualified in the usual manner.

The Gentlemen took their Seats in the House.

The Governor communicated to this House the following Answers of the Lord Proprietary, *viz.*

*The Lord Proprietor's Answer to the Address of the Gentlemen and Delegates of the Freemen of the Province of Maryland.*

C. Baltimore.

*Gentlemen,*

I Have given the Governor Orders to receive and transmit to me, any Proposition you have to make as an Equivalent in lieu of my Land-Rents, arising within the Province of *Maryland*, to be paid in Sterling Money in *Great-Britain*, in such manner and form as may best suit me, and are most conducive to the Welfare of my Tenants: And you may be assur'd, that I shall be always glad of every Opportunity that offers, for the Ease of my Tenants, and not repugnant to my just Rights.

C. B.

Given at London, this 10th Day of August 1743.

By his Lordship's Command, JOHN BROWNING, Secretary.

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C. Baltimore.

*Gentlemen,*

I Have received your Address from Mr. *Paris*, and you may be assured of my having your Welfare sincerely at Heart, and of my Promoting it upon all Occasions to the utmost of my Power.

As for the other Address you mention containing a Complaint of many Aggrievances, it has not yet been Presented to me; When it is, I shall not be wanting, to contribute all in my Power to Redress the real Grievances; and you may be assur'd I shall always Consult with and put Confidence in the candid Informations, and benevolent Dispositions, of the honest and disinterested People of *Maryland*, and as I have ever done, so I shall continue, to Dissent to any Law I shall think not for the public Good.

I must own, I am at a loss how to conceive, proper Access to the public Registries of the Province could be denied you; and you may be assured, I shall have no objection to your Taxing your selves, provided the same Tax be necessary, and not burthensome to my good Tenants.

I am much obliged to the Gentlemen of the Lower House, for their kind concern for the Back Settlers, and shall not be wanting on my part, to contribute all in my Power to promote their Interest, as well as that of the Manufactures and Trade of *Great-Britain*, and I make no doubt