

To his Excellency THOMAS BLADEN, Esq; Governor of the Province of Maryland; and the Honourable the
Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly of the said Province.

The Humble Representation of Daniel Dulany, Esq; Commissary-General of the Province aforesaid.

THAT Application was made this Day to the Register of the Commissary's Office, by Col. Thomas White of Baltimore County, for the Copy of a Will, which was made (as he says) in the Year 1690, or 1691; under which the said White and some others claim some Land. That upon searching for the Copy of the said Will, it could not be found; nor is there any Book, or Books, of Wills for the Years 1690 and 1691, in the Office. That the said Will, and many others, (as the said Mr. White, who was many Years Deputy Clerk of Baltimore County, affirms,) are entered or register'd in the said County.

That an Act of Assembly was made in the Year 1692, to aid Defects in judicial Proceedings, which cannot by any Construction reach Mr. White's Case, or any of the like Nature.

The said Commissary-General therefore, conceiving it to be his Duty to represent this Matter to the Consideration of the Legislature (which he would have done sooner, if he had discovered it), humbly submits, Whether some Provision ought not to be made for securing the Rights of Purchasers under Wills, which may have been entered on the County Court Records, altho' not register'd at the Office appointed by Law, for that Purpose. There are some other Years, besides these above-mentioned, wherein there are no Registry.

March 19, 1745-6.

D. DULANY.

Mr. Hammond, from the Committee of Laws, delivers Mr. Speaker an Address to the Governor, which was read, approved of, and ordered to be ingrossed.

The following Message, with the Association, was sent to the Upper House by Dr. Buchanan and Mr. Tilghman; viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, March 19, 1745.

May it please your Honours,

HAD you thought proper to have consulted with the House of Delegates, upon the Form of the Association, or sent down the same to have had the Sentiments of this House thereupon before your signing, it might have prevented it's being returned, as it now is, unsigned by us; for that we do not approve of every Part thereof. However, to shew our real Disposition, we are ready to join in a Conference with your Honours, for the forming one which may be agreeable to the different Branches of the Legislature.

Signed per Order, WM. TILGHMAN; CL. LO. H.

The following ingrossed Address to his Excellency, being read and assented to, was ordered, on Behalf of the House, to be signed by the Honourable Speaker; viz.

To his Excellency THOMAS BLADEN, Esq; Governor of Maryland;

The Humble ADDRESS of the House of DELEGATES.

May it please your Excellency,

WE can with great Sincerity assure your Excellency, that you could not have more Satisfaction from our Readiness to join in an Association, than we had in making that Declaration: But as the Form of that signed by your Excellency, and sent down to our House, was such, that we could not unanimously come into; we have returned it back to the Upper House unsigned, and proposed a Conference with the Members thereof, for the drawing of such an one as may be equally agreeable to the several Branches of the Legislature.

Mr. Key and Mr. Stoddert ordered to acquaint his Excellency, that this House hath prepared an Address to him, and desires to know when and where he will be pleased to receive it: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, his Excellency will be ready immediately to receive it in the Council-Chamber.

Mr. Key, with four others, sent to present the Address: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they have presented it.

The House adjourns 'til Tomorrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Thursday Morning, March 20, 1745.

THE House met according to Adjournment, and the Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

Philip Thomas, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the following Message; viz.