

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 is from a just Regard to the Rights, Liberties, and Privileges of those we represent, that we find ourselves under an indispensable Necessity of applying to your Excellency, on an Occasion which nearly affects the Property and Well-being of the People of Maryland.

The Report of our Committee of Grievances here annexed, which by the Confessions of the Parties, is in every Circumstance strictly true, and to which we beg Leave to refer your Excellency, contains a Charge against Mr. Samuel Hanson, High-Sheriff, and Mr. Henry Brooks, Farmer of the Quit-Rents of Charles County, of so high a Nature, and of Practices of so dangerous and destructive a Tendency, which to our real Concern, we are informed prevail in many Parts of the Province, to the great Damage of many of his Lordship's Tenants, and if not speedily remedied, will, in all Probability, become general. We could not therefore, without an entire Disregard to, and Neglect of, the Duties of our Station, avoid taking Notice of so high an Infringement on the Rights and Liberties of the People. And it is in Consequence of that just Regard we owe to the People of Maryland, and to the Honour of the Government, that we humbly lay this Affair before your Excellency; from whose kind Assurances of your sincere and hearty Endeavours to promote the Prosperity of this Province, we derive the firmest Confidence, that your Excellency will, in every Instance of your Conduct, discountenance any illegal and oppressive Act of Power, and particularly that great and growing Evil now laid before you; and by that Means effectually prevent any Officer in this Government, from wantonly abusing and perverting that Power, to the Oppression and Ruin, which was originally designed for the Ease and Happiness, of the People.

Was brought in ingrossed, and was read and assented to, and signed by Order of the House by the Honourable Speaker.

Col. Hooper delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill entituled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act entituled, An Act for laying out the Town a-new commonly called Snow-hill Town, in Somerset County,* which was read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Harris and Capt. Handy were sent to acquaint the Governor this House hath prepared an Address to him, and desires to know when and where he will please to receive it: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, the Governor signified that he was ready to receive the Address immediately in the Conference Chamber.

Mr. Smith and five more were ordered to present the Address.

Mr. Harris delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill entituled, *An Act to empower the Governor and Council for the Time being, to hear and redress certain Evils and Abuses therein mentioned;* which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

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

TUESDAY Morning, June 16, 1747.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.

A Bill entituled, *An Act enabling and requiring the Clerk of Baltimore County to record a Deed of Bargain and Sale from Morgan Murray to Mary Stevenson, and the making valid the same,* was read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Bill entituled, *An Act to enable Onorio Razolini to convey, in Right of Elizabeth Calvert, an Infant, to George Plater, Esq; certain Lands therein mentioned,* was read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

George Plater, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Petition of diverse Inhabitants of *Baltimore-Town*, in the County of *Baltimore*; and a Petition of the People called Quakers; severally referred by the Upper House to the Consideration of the Lower House.

The House adjourns until 2 of the Clock.