

To his Excellency SAMUEL OGLE, Esq; Governor of Maryland;
The humble ADDRESS of the House of DELEGATES.

May it please your Excellency,

WE his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Delegates of the Freemen of the Province of Maryland, in Assembly convened, return your Excellency our sincere Thanks for that just Regard you are pleased to express in your Speech at the Opening of this Session, for the Rights and Privileges of the People of Maryland. And we beg your Excellency to rest assured, that we shall give the subject Matter of your Excellency's Speech to full and serious a Consideration, and come to such impartial Determination thereon, as we hope will satisfy every reasonable Man, that we have the same just Sense of, and Regard for, the real Rights of the Government, that your Excellency has for the Rights and Privileges of the People; both which were established for no other End but their Happiness.

Which was read, assented to, and signed on Behalf of the House by the Honourable Speaker.

Ordered, That Col. Hooper and Col. Robert Henry do acquaint the Governor, that 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, that the Governor was pleased to signify that he was ready to receive the Address immediately in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered, That Col. Sprigg, with fourteen more, do present the Address.

The House adjourns until 2 of the Clock.

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. Benjamin Mackall appeared in the House.

Col. Hooper acquaints Mr. Speaker, that Mr. Denton, Mr. Richard Dorsey, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Tyler, and Mr. Harwood, were qualified as Clerks to the several Committees that had chosen them, in the usual manner.

The House having taken into Consideration his Excellency the Governor's Speech, and on mature Deliberation of the subject Matter relating to the Clerk of the Lower House of Assembly, therein mentioned, the two following Questions were proposed; *viz.*

Whether two Members be sent (with Mr. Macnemara) to acquaint the Governor with the House's having chosen him for their Clerk, and to desire his Approbation, and to see him qualified? Or,

Whether the House will depart from the Choice made of their Clerk, and his Qualification according to Law, at the late Convention?

Thereupon the Question was put, Which should be the Question now put? *Resolved*, That the first of the said Questions be put.

FOR THE AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs	{	Key,	Handy,	Travers,	Lux,	Tilghman,
		Mills,	Waggaman,	Bayard,	Wootton,	Rossins,
		Barnes,	J. Goldborough,	Baldwin,	Sprigg,	Scarborough,
		Wilmer,	Robert Lloyd,	Thompson,	Murdock,	Selby,
		Bordley,	Odlam,	Sherebine,	Gordon,	J. Henry,
		King,	Sullivan,	Paca,	W. Dulany,	D. Dulany,
R. Henry,	Hooper,					

FOR THE NEGATIVE.

Messrs	{	Harris,	J. J. Mackall,	Stoddert,	Buchanan,	Davis,
		Smith,	Heighe,	Lee,	Addison,	Crabb,
		Richard Lloyd,	B. Mackall,	Wilson,	Hopper,	Chaplain,
		Carroll,	B. Bond,	N. Goldborough,	Winkinson,	Owen,
		Worthington,	Smallwood,	Pearce,		

The Question was then put, Whether two Members be sent with Mr. Macnemara, to acquaint the Governor with the House's having chosen him for their Clerk, and to desire his Approbation, and to see him qualified; or Not? *Resolved* in the Affirmative.