

The Bill entituled, *An Act for raising an annual Revenue for the better Support of the Station and Dignity of his Lordship's Governor for the Time being, and for the Safety and better Defence of this Province*, was read the second Time by an especial Order and passed, and was sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Wootton* and Capt. *Lee*.

Col. *Hooper*, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Address; *viz.*

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

May it please your Excellency,

AS many Evils and Inconveniencies will unavoidably be introduced into all Governments, which it is not possible for those at the Helm to observe or remedy, without a proper Representation from such who by their Station are more within View of such Evils; We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Delegates of the Freemen of *Maryland*, beg Leave to acquaint your Excellency, That we see Popery too assiduously nurtured and propagated within this Province, as well by the Professors thereof, as their Teachers, perverting and withdrawing many of his Majesty's Protestant Subjects, both from our holy Religion, and their Faith and Allegiance to his Royal Person, Crown, and Family.

That the Number of Jesuits and Popish Priests now within this Province, and yearly coming in, together with the established Settlements they have here, and several Youth sent from hence to *St. Omer's*, and other foreign Popish Seminaries out of his Majesty's Obedience, to be trained up in Ways destructive to the Establishment of Church and State in his Majesty's Dominions; some of whom return here as Popish Priests, or Jesuits, together with others of like Kind, who live in Societies, where they have public Mass-Houses, and with great Industry propagate their Doctrine, will, if not timely prevented, endanger the fundamental Constitution of our Church, as well as the Peace of this Government.

Inasmuch as by the Laws of this Province very good Provision is made for faithful and able Ministers, labouring in the Work of the Gospel, to come, reside, and teach amongst us: And as his Majesty's Protestant Subjects here have been at great Expence in erecting Churches and Chapels, for public Worship and Service of Almighty God; in order therefore that the People may be the better instructed, comforted, and edified, we humbly pray that your Excellency will induct into Church Livings none but Ministers of Orthodox Faith, and such as are well learned and of exemplary good Lives; who, as well by their Teaching as Example, may answer the great and desirable End of our holy Religion.

We further humbly pray, that your Excellency will put into all Places of Trust and Profit none but faithful Protestant Subjects, known as such by their Religious and Civil Principles.

The great Confidence we have in your Excellency's Good Will for his Majesty's faithful Subjects within this Province, leaves no Room to doubt, but that you will take due Care that the Laws may be duly executed for their Safety, Protection, and Encouragement, as well as for the Preservation of this his Majesty's Dominion.

The Question was put, Whether the said Address be approved; or Not?
Resolved in the Affirmative.

		FOR the AFFIRMATIVE.				
Mr. Speers	{	Carroll,	Smallwood,	J. Goldsborough,	W. Smith,	Davis,
		Bordley,	Stoddert,	Lloyd,	Franklin,	Tillotson,
		J. J. Mackall,	Lee,	Oldham,	Mathews,	Robins,
		Heighe,	Wilson,	Hooper,	Addison,	Selby,
		B. Mackall,	Waggaman,	Travers,	Murdock,	Crabb.
Reynolds,	N. Goldsborough,	Hyland,	Hopper,			
		FOR the NEGATIVE.				
Mr. Speers	{	Bond,	N. Smith,	Sullivan,	Wootton,	J. Henry,
		Mill's,	Worthington,	Lecompte,	Sprigg,	Chaplain,
		Barnes,	King,	Colvill,	Gordon,	Prather.
		Key,	R. J. Henry,	Baker,	Dulany,	

The said Address was indorsed, read, approved, and ordered to be Ingrossed.

The Governor communicates to Mr. Speaker the following Message; *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

IN Answer to your Address relating to a Judgment of the Justices of *Charles County*, I assure you that I am as sincerely desirous as you can be, to have Justice impartially administered to every Body without Distinction; and shall always think it as much my Duty to protect the People from all Sorts of Oppression, as to support the Magistracy in the just and legal Exercise of their Power: Therefore shall not fail to give the Affair a proper Attention and Consideration.

SAM. OGLE.

Col. Hooper,