

Col. *Hammoud*, from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the several Paper Bills (the Ingrossed Bills of which had been severally read and assented to by both Houses this Session) severally Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly: The Ingrossed Bill, whereof this is the Original, is read and assented to. Signed *per Order*, *J. Ross*, Cl. Up. Ho."

Dr. *Carroll*, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Address to the Governor, Ingrossed; *viz.*

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

May it please your Excellency,

WE have considered your Excellency's Message of the 6th Instant, in Relation to the Public Buildings, and ordered a View to be made of them; which we shall communicate to the Upper House, that an Ordinance may be made to provide for the Repairs necessary for those Buildings; wherein we hope for your Concurrence.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Key* and Mr. *Crabb* do acquaint his Excellency, 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 signified he would receive the Address immediately in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered, That Mr. *Barnes* and three more do present the Address.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the following Address; *viz.*

To the Right Honourable CHARLES Lord Baron of *Baltimore*, Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of MARYLAND;

The humble ADDRESS of the House of DELEGATES of the said Province.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP,

IT is with great Concern that we his Majesty's dutiful, loving, liege Subjects, the Delegates of the Free-men of *Maryland*, in Assembly convened, approach your Lordship with an Address of Complaint of Hardships or Grievances suffered under your Lordship's Government; in which, were we longer silent, Posterity, as well as those we represent, might justly accuse us with Neglect of that Duty which we are bound to discharge. At present we shall not aggravate our Misfortunes, or further trouble your Lordship by enumerating many Grievances we labour under, different from those Subjects more immediately under his Majesty's Government in our neighbouring Colonies: And as his Majesty hath not more loyal and faithful Subjects than the People of *Maryland*, or who to the utmost of their Power on all Occasions have demonstrated the same; so we humbly conceive, we merit the like Favour and Protection; and we may boldly say, that we and our Predecessors have approved ourselves quiet, good, and beneficial Tenants to your Lordship, and your noble Ancestors; and that it was due to the Courage, Conduct, Labour, and Industry of the first Settlers here, as well as the present, that your Lordship owes the flourishing State of your Interest and Income in this Province, and therefore might justly call for your Attention and Regard; and as we earnestly desire to continue in the same good Disposition, so we hope for your Lordship's Favour and impartial Justice.

Your Lordship's taking the Sum of Twelve Pence Sterling for every Hogshead of Tobacco exported out of this Province since the Year 1733, under Colour of an Act entituled, *An Act for settlement of an annual Revenue upon her Majesty's Governor within this Province for the Time being*, is the Subject of our present Complaint; we conceive the same is not justified by the said Act, nor any other Law of this, or our Mother Country; and as we cannot more fully express our Sense of this important Affair, than in that of the Representative Body, we give your Lordship the same in the following *Resolves* of this House; *viz.*

Resolved, That the levying and taking the Sum of Twelve Pence Sterling *per* Hogshead, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province, on all Tobacco exported out of the same, under Pre-
tence and Colour of the Act of 1704, is not warranted by Law. *Resolved*, *Nemine contradicente*, That if the above Act of 1704 had been in Force from the Restoration of the Government by the Crown to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, to this Time; yet, the Sum of Three Pence Sterling, Part of the said Twelve Pence Sterling, agreeable to the plain Construction of the abovementioned Act of 1704, and her late Majesty Queen *Anne's* Instructions to her Governor here when the said Act was in Force, ought to be applied towards the purchasing of Arms and Ammunition for the Defence of this Province.

And in Support of our said *Resolves*, we beg Leave to offer to your Lordship (out of many) the following Reasons:

That we cannot conceive, that by any Construction of the said Act of 1704, your Lordship can be meant or intended as Successor to her Majesty; or that a Duty given for Support of her Majesty's Government for the Time being, by the said Act, can mean or intend your Lordship's Government: Nor would we invidiously mention the Accusations in the said Act, to shew that it could never intend your Lordship's Family. And the many Acts made to that Purpose, upon the Crown's assuming this Government, and again when the