

“ By the Upper House of Assembly, Referred to the Consideration of the
“ Lower House of Assembly.”

The Petition of *Thomas Todd, Jasper Hall, Daniel Wells, Benjamin Berry* and *Thomas Reynolds*, languishing Prisoners, praying to be released from Confinement, on surrendering up their whole Estates, were here severally Read and Granted.

The Petition of the Rector, Vestrymen, and Church-Wardens of *St. Anne's* Parish, in *Anne-Arundel* County, was here Read, and Referred to the Consideration of next Session of Assembly.

Col. *Tilghman*, from the Committee of Laws, brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill entituled, *An Act for building a Church in St. Mary's White Chapel Parish, in Dorchester County*; which was Read the first and second Time, by an especial Order, and will pass, and was sent to the Upper House, by Major *Travers* and Mr. *Gray*.

Samuel Chamberlaine, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Petition of *Edward Doggan*, Prisoner in *Baltimore* County Goal; indorsed,
“ By the Upper House of Assembly, Referred to the Consideration of the
“ Lower House of Assembly.”

The Petition of *Edward Doggan*, praying to be released from Confinement, on surrendering up all his Effects to the Use of his Creditors, was here Read, and Leave given, to bring in a Bill according to the Petitioner's Prayer.

Mr. *John Goldsborough*, from the Committee appointed, brings in the following Address, *viz.*

To his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the
Province of MARYLAND.

The humble ADDRESS of the House of DELEGATES.

May it please your Excellency,

THE Countenance and Encouragement that hath been given to Popery, and the Growth of it in this Province in Consequence thereof, is the Subject of the present Address to your Excellency, an Evil very inveterate, and which hath long called for Redress; and, however fruitless and unavailing former Addresses upon this Subject have proved, we are not discouraged from further Attempts, more especially as some late and remarkable Incidents make it seasonable and expedient at this critical Juncture. Instead of having the Expectations of the People answer'd, by the Removal of Men justly obnoxious to them, we have the Mortification to see them promoted to Offices yet more lucrative and important.

Your Excellency will not be at a Loss to know, that we mean the Attorney-General *Henry Darnall*, and his Brother *John Darnall*, Esquires, who were themselves educated in a Foreign Popish Seminary, and notwithstanding their Conformity, by educating their Children in the Popish Religion give ample Testimony of their Attachment to the pernicious Principles of the Church of Rome; nor can the Complaints, which have been repeatedly made of the dangerous Influence of the Popish Faction, and their Leaders the Jesuits, be thought unnecessary, when some late and very notorious Instances of it are consider'd; a Person of infamous Character in *St. Mary's* County Goal, and under Sentence of Death for an atrocious Crime, upon the Merit of becoming a Profelyte to the Popish Religion, has been lately recommended to your Excellency as a proper Object of your Clemency, and thereby rescued from the Hands of Justice; which Recommendation he had in vain implored whilst a Protestant: Other Instances of the Prevalence and Power of that
Faction,