

we join in the general Joy which hath been diffused through all the extensive Dominions of *Great-Britain*, and with the greatest Humility and purest Sincerity of Heart, beg Leave to congratulate your Majesty upon your Accession to the Throne of your Ancestors.

May your Majesty be rendered happy by the Prosperity of a free People, flourishing under the benign Influence of your auspicious Government, by a grateful and adequate Retribution in their zealous Affection and firm Attachment to your Sacred Person; and we most fervently pray, that your Majesty's Reign may be distinguished, as well by it's Length, as it's Felicity, and that there may never be wanting one of your Royal Descendants to fill the Throne to latest Posterity.

But, may it please your Majesty to indulge us, destitute as we are of the proper Means of obtaining Access to the Throne, while we make Use of this Opportunity of humbly expressing our Concern, that this Province has, during the present just and necessary War, contributed so little to the Service of our late most Gracious Sovereign; and our Confidence, that, until a full Enquiry be made into the Causes thereof (which we most earnestly desire) and the People shall be permitted to raise a Support for an Agent, who may lay all the Grievances, which they suffer under the Government of their Lord Proprietary, properly before your Majesty, you will be graciously pleased to continue that favourable Opinion, which, we hope, you have hitherto entertained of your Protestant Inhabitants of the Province of *Maryland*; than whom, permit us, Royal Sir, to say, your Majesty has not, in all your Dominions, Subjects more Loyal, more hearty Well-wishers to our present happy Establishment, or more firmly or affectionately attached to your most Sacred Person and Government.

On Reading the Act for Encouraging a Collection and Publication of the Laws of this Province, the Question was put, That this House send a Message to the Upper House, signifying their Desire that that House will Name Three of their Members, to be Nominated together with Seven Members of this House, in a Bill now before them for Encouraging a Collection and Publication of the Laws of this Province. Resolved in the Negative.

And thereupon the Question was put, That this House send a Message to the Upper House, signifying that they had Nominated Seven Gentlemen of this House in a Bill now before them, for Encouraging a Collection and Publication of the Laws of this Province, and desire to know what Members of that House they will be pleased to join with them. Resolved in the Affirmative.

For the AFFIRMATIVE,

Messrs	{	Greenfield,	Hanson,	Murdock,	Harris,	Selby,
		Gresham,	Gibson,	Beall,	Scarborough,	Crabb,
		Worthington,	Govane,	Dulany,	Purnell,	Chapline.
		Carroll,	Dorsey,	Steuart,		

For the NEGATIVE,

Messrs	{	Hynson,	Gantt,	Cockey Deye,	Mauldin,	M. Tilghman,
		Ringgold,	Stoddert,	Owings,	King,	Magruder,
		Gaffaway,	Smallwood,	Baker,	E. Tilghman,	Crelap.
		Hammond,	Travers,			

The House adjourns till the Morrow Morning IX of the Clock.

THURSDAY, April 30, 1761.

THE House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as Yesterday. The Proceedings were Read.

The House proceeds to the Reading the Act for Encouraging a Collection and Publication of the Laws of this Province; and thereupon the previous Question was put, That the following Question be now put, That a Proviso be added to the said Bill, ordering the Committee Nominated for Revising and Examining the Collection of the Laws made by Mr. *Thomas Bacon*, to Report the Laws which are in Use in this Province, tho' not in Force, in an Appendix to the said Collection, and not in the Body of the said Collection. Resolved in the Negative.