


TO HIS EXCELLENCY

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*Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over the
Province of MARYLAND.*

The Humble ADDRESS of the UPPER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY.

May it please your EXCELLENCY,

 **T**HAT You may be able to judge of the present Disposition of the Majority of those who have been chosen, by the People of this Province, to represent them in Assembly, or rather, of the few Gentlemen, by whose Opinion that Majority seems to be directed, and that you may know how little Probability there is, of the Business being done, for which the Assembly was, at this Time convened, we take the Liberty to present to your Excellency, a Copy of a Message, which was brought us the 16th of this Month, from the Lower House, by Way of Answer to one that was sent to them by this House, at the Time we returned with a Negative, the Supply Bill they had offered us. Finding upon our reading this Bill, that it was framed on the same vicious Plan, on which all the Bills for granting Supplies for his Majesty's Service, which have been offered by the Lower House for these last Four Years, were framed; and, with respect to the material Parts of it, very little different from that which his Majesty's late Attorney-General, the present Lord Chief Justice Pratt, in the Opinion communicated by your Excellency to both Houses of Assembly, Two Years ago, held, to be such a one as ought not to have been passed into a Law; we thought it would answer no good End, to propose Amendments, since the little Regard That House hath paid to the Sentiments of This, communicated to them, in Two long Messages, in the Year 1758, left us no Room to expect they would now remove the Objections we may have repeated, and therefore, as we think was our Duty, we signified to them, that their Bill would not pass, intimating to them, at the same Time, that if they were really desirous to comply with his Majesty's Requisitions, made known to them at the Opening of this Session, it would be an easy Matter for them to prepare a Bill for raising such a Sum as would be sufficient for the Purpose, by some more simple Mode of Taxation: From this general Intimation of ours, your Excellency will perceive, the Gentlemen have, agreeable to their usual Candour and Ingenuity, taken Occasion, with a View we presume, of misleading their Constituents, to suggest, that by some simple Mode of Taxation, we mean, any Mode that would leave the Estate of the Lord Proprietary, or the Offices in this Government untouched, or as they are pleased to speak, very complaisantly handled; as if it was impossible for them to have taxed, either his Lordship's Estate, or those Offices, otherwise than by such an intricate, perplexed, and unequal Bill, as that House, in order to manifest their superlative Zeal for the King's Service, seem determined to adhere to. Had they been really of Opinion, that those two Motives induced us to treat their Bill in the Manner we have now done for the Ninth Time, why would they not obviate the many other Objections this House had made to it, or have, at least, endeavoured to shew us the Propriety of those Parts of the Bill, to which Exceptions had been taken? That this House never did, since the Bill was brought on the Carpet, object to the lucrative Offices, within this Government, being subjected to a reasonable and proportionable Tax, when the Design of laying such a Tax, was to raise and support Troops for his Majesty's Service,