

U. H. J. Which is ordered to lye on the Table

John Hall Esq^r (in the Absence of Col^o William Holland) attended by the rest of the members of this House Waite of his Excellency the Governor and present to his Excellency their Answer to his most favourable Speech to both Houses of Assembly in the Council Chamber at the opening of the Session which is as follows viz.

To His Excellency Benedict Leonard Calvert Governor and Commander in chief in and over the Province of Maryl^d

The humble Address of the Upper House of Assembly
May it please your Excellency

The many Instances we have already had of your Excellencys tender regard for the Prosperity of this his Lordships Province of Maryland increased by the present Assurances you have been pleased to give us in your most favourable Speech to both Houses of Assembly at the opening of this Session justly merits our Unfeigned thanks and inspires us with firm resolutions to use our utmost endeavours for preserving the Sovereignty of the Crown the Government of the Lord Proprietary and the Common Welfare of the people so as to promote your Excellencys further Satisfaction and a general Tranquillity

The Assurance his Lordship hath been pleased to direct your Excellency to give us of his Aversion to any difference with his Tenants we Gratefully Accept, and in return to such a Condescending Declaration think ourselves obliged to a strict Conformity of our duty and in all respects to demean ourselves so to his Lordship as not to give any just occasion to discompose so obliging a disposition

And as by the Act prescribing the Oath of Justice to which his Lordship has been pleased to disassent) we never intended anything that should reflect on the Crown or affect his Majestys Royal prerogative either in respect to his Sovereign power or the Charter to the Lord Proprietary both which we think ourselves Obliged inviolably to preserve so if we have been so unhappy as to use any Expressions in that Act which will bear a Construction so Contrary to our Intentions upon being made sensible thereof we shall readily retract, Alter and Amend them in such manner as shall be satisfactory to his Lordship and your Excellency and suitable to the Royal Charter and the rights customs and usages of this Province which his Lordship in so obliging a manner has expressed his good Inclinations to preserve to us and our posterity.

p. 344 His Lordships Goodness in presenting the General Address of the last Session of Assembly to his most Sacred Majesty requires our Grateful Acknowledgment