

U. H. J. After which M<sup>r</sup> Speaker on behalf of the house of Delegates desired that if any mistake or misapprehensions should happen His Excell would attribute it to his Imperfection rather than the houses and give him the Liberty of free Recourse to his Person which his Excell. was pleased to do and then bespake them as follows Viz.

P. 555 M<sup>r</sup> Speaker and you Gent. Delegates

It has been demonstrable to all unbyassed Persons that I never promoted any Separate Interest from yours, since my administration and with an honest open heart I here solemnly Assure you her sacred Majesty's Service and the true Welfare of this Province has been my only Ambition since I had the honour to be Constituted Governour of Maryland

And if some sower ill natured Incendiaries had not lately used their utmost malicious Insinuations to disturb & debauch her Majesty's other well meaning Subjects (who came well prepared & honestly inclined to serve their Queen & Country) there had been no Occasion for Convening an Assembly so late in the year

Therefore let me Enjoyn you to lay aside all animositys unnecessary heats & private piques that with calmness you may truly Consider the publick Interest with some regard to the Character her Majesty has given me being ready to concur with you in what Laws our Sovereign has with great Tenderness recommended ; & others which you may think proper to be presented this Session, for as I am heartily willing to serve the Province to my utmost I'll never give you reason to believe I will ever be a Victim to the restless antimonarchial Spirit of an ungovernable Faction but as I have always Studied Loyalty to God Almighty's Vice Gerent on Earth with all Sincerity & Friendship I would gladly inculcate that honorable principle into the minds of Every Gentleman here present. M<sup>r</sup> Speaker what I have further to offer unto you at this Time is what I

P. 556 have recommended to the late Convention viz.

That her Majesty has been pleased to disapprove of two Laws lately made here the one against masters cropping Tob<sup>os</sup> on board their Ships and the other about the Gauge of Tob: Hhds and Commands me to tell you it is her royal Pleasure we in this Province Conform to the Size of those in Virginia and recommends a new Law to be made for that Purpose

Gentlemen

Her Majesty thinks S<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Lawrence hardly used in respect of the ordinary Licences which her late Attorney General has reported to belong to his Office of Secretary. M<sup>r</sup> Speaker