

L. H. J. Honour to be constituted Governor of Maryland: And if some sour ill natured Incendiaries had not lately used their utmost malicious Insinuations to disturb and debauch her Majesty's other well meaning Subjects who came well prepared and honestly inclined to serve their Queen and Country there had been no Occasion for convening an Assembly so late in the year therefore let me enjoin you to lay aside all Animosities, unnecessary Heats and private Piques, that with Calmness you may thoroughly consider the publick Interest with some Regard to the Character her Majesty has graciously given me, being ready to concur with you in what good Laws our Sovereign has, with great Tenderness recommended and others which you may think proper to be presented this Session for as I'm heartily willing to serve the Province to my utmost I'll never give you any just Reason to believe I will be a Victim to the restless Antimonarchical Spirit of an ungovernable Faction, but as I have always studied Loyalty to God Almighty's Vicegerent on Earth with all Sincerity and Friendship, I would gladly inculcate that Honble Principle into the Minds of every Gentleman here present, M^r Speaker, What I have further to offer unto you this Time is what I recommended to the late Convention, That her Majesty has been pleased to disapprove of two Laws lately made here, the one against Masters Cropping Tobacco on Board their Ships and the other about the Gauge of Tobacco Hogsheads and commands me to tell ye 'til her Royal Pleasure that 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 Sir Thomas Lawrence hardly used in Respect of the ordinary Licenses which her late Attorney General has reported to belong to his Office of Secretary. M^r Speaker shall have the Report, and her Majesty's Order thereon, and what Orders I have received from the Right Honble the Lords Commissioners of Trade &^{ta} on Sir Thomas's Complaint whereby you will perceive how earnestly her Majesty recommends a Law to appropriate the Fines of those Licenses to his Office for a longer Duration of Time than three Years therefore hope you will be so prudent to shew
 p. 160 your ready Compliance herein. M^r Speaker, and you Gentlemen Delegates, I have repeated Instructions about the four Justices who are appointed to hold the Provincial Courts and Annually go their Circuits twice and am commanded to let her Majesty know speedy Notice what Provision the Country has made to enable them the better to go through the Fatigues of their constant Attendance on that Duty Let your Concurrence therefore be hearty and cheerful while it's in your Power and banish all flattering Whispers which advise you to swallow