

U. H. J. M^r Speaker

I desire you will please to acquaint the Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly that the Address presented to me yesterday was very acceptable in every Circumstance

Their loyal Expressions of his most Sacred Majesty are a continued Instance of their firmness & duty to his royal Person of their ardent Zeal for the Welfare of the Protestant Religion

I shall not be wanting to give the best impression I am capable of to the Lord Proprietary (& to the Lord Guilford on his behalf) of your hearty Congratulation of his Lordship on his Restoration to his Government in this Province

p. 172 And as I am convinced that a good understanding between the Lord Proprietary & the Inhabitants of Maryland is equally the Interest of his Lordship & this People I shall not omitt my Duty to inform his Lordship of such men as either have or may lead his Lordship into improper measures so as to give any disgust to the well affected in the Government

As to what relates to my Particular it is so very obliging & kind that I chuse to make my Acknowledgements by the Sincerity of my Actions as the best Return I can offer for the good opinion they have of my Conduct

I am Sorry I have reason to Say notwithstanding I find my Administration is so acceptable to this Province that I have been under a necessity to desire my Lord Proprietary & my Lord Guilford that they will please to remove me from the Station I am in Some of my Reasons for such request will appear to you on the Perusal of the Copy of M^r Carroll's Commission herewith sent you

I would not be understood that I impute the Treatment I have mett with to the Lord Proprietary nor yet to my Lord Guilford but to the Advice of some persons who either are not capable or unwilling to give better Council

John Hart

Memorandum. The Gentlemen who carried the foregoing Reply also carried a Copy of M^r Carrols Commission

The Conferees from this Board came & took their places at the Board

p. 173 M^r Charles Carrol appearing at the Board the first Querie put to him yesterday & his Answer thereto being Read, The first & second Article of the King's royal Instructions following were read to him Viz.

First. You shall give directions & take especial Care that John Hart Esq^r Deputy Governour of our Province of Mary-