

Lib. J. R. the high Court of Appeals & errors consisting of the Governor
& U. S. & Council, the Court of Chancery, the Court of Vice Admiralty (which scarcely ever sits) the Supreme Court of Law called the Provincial Court which is held twice every year at Annapolis, the Judges thereof being seven in Number are empowered by Commission under the great Seal to hear & determine concerning Pleas whether real Personal or mixed & all manner of Crimes Capital or not Capital; In Civil Actions where the matter in dispute exceeds the value of £50 Sterling Appeals are allowed to the Governor & Council. There are four County Courts or inferior Courts of common Pleas held every year in each County by the Justices of Peace. No Original Action exceeding the Value of £100 Sterling can be brought in these Courts but must be commenced in the Provincial Court as must all real and mixt Actions. The
p. 325 Justices at these Courts can try and determine all Criminal Matters not affecting Life or member, and even Capital offences when Committed by Negroes. Both the Provincial or Supreme and the County Courts have been held almost ever since the Province was settled by Virtue of Acts of Assembly, the Rules of Proceeding in these Courts are conformable to the Rules observed in the Courts at Westminster, the Judges and Justices are appointed by Commission from the Lord Proprietary under the Great Seal.

The following Addresses being drawn were read approved of and ordered to be Entered.

To The King's most Excellent Majesty

The humble Address of the Lieutenant Governor and Council of the Province of Maryland.

Permit most Gracious Sovereign Your dutiful and faithful Servants the Lieutenant Governor and Council of the Province of Maryland with all humility to offer Your Majesty our most sincere and hearty Congratulations on that important Event, the Celebration of your auspicious Nuptials.

Impressed with the most grateful Sense of your Majesty's tender Care and Concern for the Interest Welfare and security of all your People, our Hearts are filled with Joy on your Conjugal Union with a Princess eminently endowed with every Royal Virtue and amiable qualification that can render your Majesty's Domestick Felicity compleat.

May the Divine Providence long preserve your Majesty and your Royal Consort in the full Enjoyment of mutual Happiness, and Bless you with an Offspring inheriting the Virtues of their illustrious Parents, Virtues which add Splendour and Dignity to the Crowns they wear.