

Lord Guilford having given you in that Speech I had now the U. H. J.
honour to deliver to you on their Ldship's behalf such preg-
nant proof of their own fidelity by their Lordships approving
and applauding the great Zeal and Loyalty for his Majesty
King George and the protestant Succession in the Illustrious
House of Hannover and the Ready Confirmation of such
Laws as were provided for the security of the protestant
Interest in this Province together with the ardent & hearty p. 5
Profession of the Lord Proprys being a true Protestant of the
Church of England I hope will Obviate the Malitious sug-
gestion of such as have Represented his Lordships being a
Papist in masquerade And that this publick & frank Declara-
tion of the purity of his Lordships Faith will engage & Secure
to his Lordship the Hearts & Esteem of all the good People of
Maryland

My Lords Propry & Guilford having Express their Tender
regard for the welfare of this Province, in such Pathetick &
Affectionate Terms that I am psuaded a Repetition of some
part of them will be far from being unacceptable to you since
they Contain in a few harmonious Words all that so reason-
able a people as you are can hope for or desire from your
Superior. The Words are these.

Gent We have at heart the Welfare and Prosperity of the
People of this Province equall to that of our own And are
determined not to do anything to seperate that Union which
may tend so much to the comon good.

Gent I shall lay before you what reason moved their Lord^{ps}
to dissent to that Act for laying an Additionall duty of four
pounds p poll on Irish Servants which I hope will give you
Satisfaction.

Gent of the Lower House.

Their Lordships have Acquainted you that the Act Ascer-
taining the Gauge & Tare of Tobacco hogsheads wherein
there is a Provision for the Lord Proprys Revenue and the
Support of their Government lies under their Lordships Con- p. 6
sideration. What motives you might have had to prepare that
Bill which made the 12^d p hogshead for the support of Govern-
ment payable to the Govern^r for the time being I was Ignorant
of at the time of passing it And should have still remained so,
for I have ever Inviolably preserved the privileges of your
house, but I am now acquainted with your proceedings an
Officer of your own having given better Information of this
Affair in Great Brittain than you thought convenient for my
Knowledge here. The Violent Feavour which it pleased God
to visit me with all the time of the prepareing that Bill Ren-