

U. H. J. dered me Incapable of giving my usuall & Constant Attendance in the uper house for the necessary dispatch of business in the time of the Assembly And by Consequence from hearing the Debates in the uper house And Considering yo<sup>r</sup> messages upon that Bill so shall take the Liberty to make use of their Lordships Arguments why that part of the Act shou<sup>d</sup> be Altered & the mony ariseing thereby made payable to his L<sup>d</sup>ship the Lord Prop<sup>ty</sup> and not to the Leivt<sup>t</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> for the time being this being the only Exception to that Act. The Lord Prop<sup>ty</sup> by his Charter from the Crown being hereditary Governour of Maryland And all Rights of Government do undoubtedly belong to his Lordship And therefore his Lordship  
 p. 7 cannot Consent with Hon<sup>r</sup> that what is Raised for the Support of his Governm<sup>t</sup> shou<sup>d</sup> be made payable to any person who Acts by Deputation under his Lordship. These reasons Carry in themselves such Weight as I hope there will be no Occasion to Offer any more to Induce you to Alter that Act in the manner proposed.

As for my part who have the Honour to represent his Lordship in this Province I must acknowledge there is so generous a support made for the dignity of my Station that his Lordship's Liberality has left no room to desire any new favours from the Country tho' I am very thankful to you for what has been already Conferr'd on me which I fully enjoy and as I have ever endeavour'd to Promote as much as in me lay the true Interest of this Province as the most gratefull return I cou<sup>d</sup> make for the many marks of the Esteem they had given me so I shall Constantly apply myself to do whatever is Proper for me in my Capacity that may be Conducive to the publick Welfare of Maryland And therefore earnestly recomēd to you that you will on your parts Preserve that Union which my Lords Prop<sup>ty</sup> & Guilford have so much at heart for the Comōn good.

Gentlemen of the Uper & Lower Houses

I am Comanded by the Lord Guilford on the Behalf of the Lord Prop<sup>ty</sup> to deliver you his Lordship's most obliging Answer to your Address dated the 10<sup>th</sup> of October last, this being the first time of the meeting of the Assembly since I rec<sup>d</sup> it. By this Answer you will find his Lordship had the Good-  
 p. 8 ness to promise you that noe Pson shoud be advanced to any preferm<sup>ts</sup> that woud not qualify themselves by Law. And I can now acquaint you that It is their Lordships Pleasure actually to remove them.

These unqualified psons obtaining Offices in the manner they did that is in truth by Surprise & misinformation as it