

L. H. J. Ordered that James Stoddart Esq^r and M^r Robert Tyler goe to the Upper House and Acquaint his Hon^r the Govern^r that a Sufficient Number of Members are met to Make an House.

They Return and Say They Delivered their Message. Coll Tilghman from the Upper House Acquaints M^r Speaker that his Hon^r the Govern^r Commands him and the whole house to Attend him in the Council Chamber and with drew.

Thereupon M^r Speaker with the whole House went to the Upper House. where his Hon^r the Govern^r was pleased on behalf of his Lordship the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary to Deliver the following Speech Viz.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly.
Baltimore.

The due Regard you promised by your Joint Dutifull Address to pay to Our Speech transmitted to you by Our Late Govern^r was most Welcome as we thereby found your Sentiments greatly Agreeing with our Own to Promote the Prosperity of Maryland, The true Reason that induced us a Second Time to Recommend the Same Things to your Consideration by our present Leiut^t.

p. 3 In your said Address You desired Time till the next Sessions to Consider the Proper Alterations you declare necessary to be made to the late Act for Ascertaining the Bounds of Land, then under our Consideration and which we had signified to you ought to be Consonant to the Laws of Great Brittain.

The Supplementary Act since made and intended for an Amendment thereof leaves the Properties of his Majesties Subjects in Maryland to be Determined in a Different Manner from those of Great Brittain; whose Safety and happines it is to have theirs Tried and Decided by their Equalls, Twelve Good Men of the Country on their Oaths. I have therefore thought fit to Dissent to the said Act Entituled An Act for Ascertaining the Bounds of Land within this Province & likewise to the Act Entituled a Supplementary Act to the Act for Ascertaining the Bounds of Land within this Province and Doe hereby declare the said Acts Null, Void and of no Effect.

No Doubt Gentlmen the Assistance of the Legislature may be very Necessary in many Instances to the Courts in Maintaining or Correcting but not in depriving them of their Judicature And I shall be most ready to Confirm any such Law in Order so to Settle the Boundaries of our Lands, as every Man may in the best Manner Possible Enjoy his Own