

L. H. J. Employed in the Several Offices of Government, in a Due Execution whereof so much the Happiness of the People depends.

And therefore that you your Selves may Once more have An Oppertunity to make the Proper Additions rather than Continue such Diminutions, at Your Request I have not yet Dissented thereto.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses.

The Satisfaction you Express with Our Appointment of a Gentleman to be your Govern^r, who will I am Confident use his Utmost Endeavours in Conjunction with me to make you a most Happy People my self an Happy Proprietary and both Acceptable to his Most Gracious Majesty, (the great Ends for which I sent him) Adds to the Esteem I had before of him; having already learnt, that all Government is for the Publick Good, which I am resolved to make the Rule of Mine,

And Afterwards delivered himself in these words following Viz.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly

Haveing thus delivered you what his Lordship has Instructed me, I am now to assure you that it is with the greatest Satisfaction I meet this General Assembly, That last Sessions so Kindly gave me a Supplye for the Support of Government. I shall always have a due Regard for your Favours and think I can't better acknowledge them, than by Supporting those who wish well to Our most Gracious Sovereign Lord King George, the protestant Religion and the Prosperity of Maryland; in which I shall not only pursue my own Inclinations, but Obey the Positive Commands of our Lord Proprietary whom I Expect very soon in Person Among us.

What I have now to Recommend to you are the Several
p. 6 Laws that are near Expiring among which is that of the Revenue The General Advantage by that Law is so Obvious that I need but barely Mention it.

I have Several papers from the Govern^{rs} of New York and Virginia and Our Agent Col. Blackiston which I shall Order to be laid before you.

The Sinking Condition of the Tobacco Trade wherein you are so much Concerned requires your Utmost Endeavour to Support it. And I cannot omitt with Earnestness to Recommend to you On this Occasion the great Example of the British Parliament which waving things of Less Moment,