

An Address of the Upper House of Assembly presented to U. H. J. his Honour the Governour by Col William Holland one of their Members Viz.

February the 28<sup>th</sup> 1721

To the Honourable Charles Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> of the Province of Maryland

The Humble Address of the Upper House of Assembly  
May it please your Honour.

Your Honours Asserting his Lordships undoubted Right of discharging any of the members of his Lordship's Honble Council from acting as such (of which we never in the least doubted) together with your acquainting us that you had a particular Instruction from his Lordship relating to M<sup>r</sup> Bordley and a full Power to dismiss him, thereby to convince us of the Legality of the Discharge; induces us to apprehend that your Honour resents our making it a Question in our answer to your Speech, at the Opening of this Session, whether He were legally discharged or not. And therefore in the humblest manner we think it our Duties to represent to your Honour that We could not well answer the Question proposed to us without that Reserve. For as your Honour had never been pleased to communicate to us, either the Reasons for discharging M<sup>r</sup> Bordley, the manner of doing it, or the Power his Lordship had given you for that purpose, and for that his being a Member of the Upper House of Assembly depended upon that of his being at the same Time of the Council; we could not give an Answer to the one without making it conditional with Respect to the other, So that we hope you will not interpret that Sentence, as questioning his Lordships Power but only intimating our own Uncertainty of what was done in Relation to M<sup>r</sup> Bordley. And to prevent any such occasions of misunderstandings for the future, We make it our humble Request that when at any Time hereafter you shall think fit to propose any thing to us relating to the discharge of our Duty as Counsellours, you will be pleased at the same Time to acquaint us with all the Circumstances relating to it; otherwise it will not only be impossible for us to give proper and pertinent Advice, but we shall be likewise oblig'd to return ambiguous Answers. We think that we have just Reason to hope you will be thus free with us because we are under the sacred Obligation of an Oath, not to divulge any secret you shall be pleased to reveal to us as Counsellors though it should relate to any one of the Council, And we are not Conscious that we have at any Time so behaved ourselves in that Station, as to induce you to Suspect our Fidelity. For we do Assure