

U. H. J. wel beloved Charles Calvert Esq^r our Cousen & L^t to acq^t you wth the Reasons w^{ch} have moved us to place him over you

His Approv'd Loyalty and faithfull Service to our Dread Sovⁿ King George

The many Observacons which dureing his ffr^{dship} with us we have made of his kind wishes and hearty Endeavours as much as in him Occasionally lay to make the Interest of the Province & Prop^{ty} one, wthout either Extending our Prerogative or Lessening your Privileges w^{ch}, now we have put power into his hands we doubt not but he will & We strictly Comand him punctually to Ballance

We cann^t omitt Gentlⁿ on this Occasion to Disapprove the late hasty pceedings of Tho^s Brooke Esq^r tho we have Reason to believe he Intended nothing more than our's and your Service thereby; and very much Condemn the malicious Reports and Insinuacons of those who have endeavoured to Disturb the Minds of the good People of Maryland by Suggesting that we had sent a private Com^o to the s^d Tho^s Brooke to take upon him the Governm^t dureing the Residence of our late L^t John Hart Esq^r a Method we scorn to Rule by, And w^{ch} has Induced

p. 4 us to Change our Design of Administring the Governm^t by the Person first nam'd in our Councill & place it as we have done till such time as the Affairs of your Lord and Prop^{ty} will Allow him to reside among you himself or he shall otherwise Dispose thereof, when he hopes to Bury those Seeds of Rancour and Jealousie w^{ch} have too long prevailed among the People & so to Unite their Hearts and minds that the misguided part of the Province Dissenting from our Blessed Establishm^t both in Church and State will peaceably & Quietly Submitt to the Known Laws by his Mild yet due Execucon of them And rest happy under the Indulgence pmitted to them

In the mean time tis Our peculiar good fortune that his Maj^{ty's} ffaithfull Subjects of the Province have Intrusted the Direction of their Applicacons to the Care of Col Blakiston a pson so Constantly attach'd to the Protestant Interest and of such known and Approved Loyalty to the King & Esteem wth his Ministers that we take Pleasure at his Instances to make our Power Conducive to your Happyness

His Hon^r the Gov^{rs} Speech to the Upp^r and Low^r houses of Assembly w^{ch} is as follows Viz.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Low^r houses of Assembly

p. 5 I shall not trouble you myself with Long Harrangues but rather Choose to let time and my future Actions Demonstrate how much I desire the peace and Prosperity of this Province