

U. H. J. Ordered to lye on the Table.

This House Adjourns till to Morrow Morning Eight of the Clock

Friday Morning October 29th 1725.

This House Met Again According to Adjournm^t

Present as Yesterday

Col^o Belt and Captain Crabb attend with M^r Gant a Member Elected for Prince Georges County to see him Qualified

Whereupon the said Thomas Gant takes the Oaths to the Governm^t appointed by Act of Assembly and Subscribes the Oath of Abjuration and Test according to the Directions of the said Act and then they withdrew

Read the Message yesterday by M^r Harrison and [M^r] Johnson with the Bill relating to Servants to which the following Answer is prepared viz.

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Gentlemen.

In yo^r Message of the 28th Instant by M^r Harrison and M^r Johnson relating to the Bill directing the disposall of Servants for want of Security for their good behaviour you tell us You hope we will not Insist upon any thing that looks like Depriving you of preventative Justice which plainly Implies a Surmise that we are going About to do it. We are very well Assured that in our former Message relating to this Bill we have not used any Expression that can be a just foundation for such a Suspicion and are very sorry to find our selves often treated with such unjust Reflections in your Messages rather as Enemies to our Country and Subverters of Justice than as an Upper House of Assembly. May we not differ with you in Opinion about some things debated between the two houses without being suspected of having Intentions to deprive you of Justice or invade your priviledges? We desire that you will be pleased to Consider that such measures instead of Cultivating a good Understanding between us directly tends to a breach of it and therefore we hope you will forbear such Treatment for the future. It seems strange to Us why you should give yourselves the trouble of Composeing so long a Message consisting of repeated Assertions of the necessity of preserving the publick peace and that Servants are not Exempted by the Act for payment of Criminal Servants fees from being bound to their Good Behaviour things not any where denyd in our former Message for we have as great a regard to the preservation of the publick peace