

L. H. J. of the province or the private Utility of particular persons, so they be Agreeable to Reason, and not Repugnant or Contrary, but as near as Conveniently may be agreeable to the Laws Statutes Customs and rights of England, as is most fully set forth in my Charter, has put in our hands such ample power of making Laws proper for our Infant Condition, and different Termes of Maryland, that you will find it I believe your happiness, If the Statutes of England not Expressly Located thither are not in the Gross in force among you, And that your Resolutions have not force till Enacted into Laws of your own making with My Assent. However precarious you Gentlemen who are fond of the Expression, may esteem your Condition; Tis the Condition, I think I may use the Expression, 'tis the Happy Condition the Crown by my Charter hath thought fitt to place you under, And you by your Residence in Maryland ought quietly to Submit to; your predecessors have been thus fortunately Govern'd and flourish'd; And I trust yo^r Successors will have no Cause to Complain

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses.

I cannot but observe to you at this time what his most Gracious Majesty has been pleased to do in Relation to the English Statutes taking place in the plantations in a particular Case of Jamaica, Where An Act was lately made Intituled an Act for making his Majesty's Revenue perpetuall and Augmenting the same and Continuing and declaring what Laws are in force in this Island.

This Act his Majesty with the advice of his Council has been pleased to disallow after due deliberation and References had and Reports made thereon by the Lords Comissioners of his Ma^{ty}s Treasury by the Lords Comissioners of Trade and plantations and by his Majestys Attorney and Sollicitor Gen^ll Recomending the said Act, Tho' in many parts of it highly necessary, as not proper to be allowed of For that (among many other Reasons set forth in the said Reports) the said Act might possibly introduce the whole body of the English Laws to become Laws of Jamaica, in Cases not particularly provided for by Laws of their own which in many Cases were by no meanes Competent but might do Great mischief, and be attended with great Inconveniencies both to his Majesty's Governm^t in that Island and to the Estates and Commerce of his Ma^{ty}s Subjects there

Here Gentlemen you may perceive a Law after Mature Consideration (many parts of it agreed to be highly necessary & Convenient) disallowed of because in one part of it,