

U. H. J. ships answer to their several Addresses which he Delivered to them in his own words and was as follows viz.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly

I thank you for your late dutifull Addresses, and notwithstanding some differences among you, I perswade myself you severally pursue the same End; and aim in General at the good and welfare of the Province And as it is our mutual happiness that the province has with Justice Equity and prudence been hitherto Govern'd so the best means to Continue
 p. 9 these inestimable Blessings among us is to persevere in the same Method of Rule and Obedience. And I think I cannot better manifest my Steadiness, in Making the publick good the Rule of my Government, than by preserving to you his Majestys Subjects in this part of the world under my care, such Laws, Rules, Customs and Usages, as are undoubted certain constantly adhered to and practiced among you.

Gentlemen of the Lower House

In your Address you agree the Council of State deserve their reward, tho' you are unwilling they should find it out of the same Levys, they received it long before at the time and ever since the making the Act, which among other things raises the Twelve pence p hhd in the absence of the Lord Proprietary towards the better maintaining the Dignity and Station of his Lieutenant Governour, actually Inhabiting and residing, within this Province, and to such other necessary uses towards the Support and defence of the Lord Proprietarys Government of this Province as in his Lordships wisdom, to him shall seem meet But on the contrary alledge, that ample provision was made and annually raised by that Act, and therefore it ought not to Annually be Levyed by a Poll Tax again on the people whereas it was never mentioned, or intended or even Imagined till of late by some that their allowance should come out of any part of the Duty raised by Virtue of that Act, whereby I give up so great a part of my property as all my Quit rents and Alienation fines are; And
 p. 10 I hope none of my good Tennants will persist in thinking any longer that it ought but rather Choose to shew their duty in their Actions, as well as Expressions, by Consenting that the Council of State should have their recompence in the same manner they have long since found it, and not put me upon the unwilling Task of shewing the people of Maryland the true Value of my said rents and fines, and the necessary Consequences of Advantages attending me in a just and Legall Collection of them above the Composition I have Con-