

U. H. J. By the Upper House of Assembly 14th July 1731.

Gentlemen.

The times of sitting for the Dispatch of the publick Business of this Province proposed in your Message of this day by M^r Dashiel & M^r Thompson are agreeable to this House

Signed 7 Order John Ross Cl. Up^r Ho.

Adjourned till Two of the Clock in the afternoon

Eodem Die post Meridiem

This House met again According to Adjournment.

Present as in the Morning

Read the Petition of the Vestry Churchwardens & Parishioners of Westminster Parish in Ann Arundell County and Recommended to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly.

Sent by Phillip Lee Esq^r

The Honourable Charles Calvert Esq^r attended by the rest of the Members of this House, wait upon his Excellency the Governour, and present to him their Answer to his most favourable Speech to both Houses of Assembly at the Opening of the Session.

To His Excellency Benedict Leonard Calvert Governour and Commander in Chief in and Over the Province of Maryland.

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It is with Great Concern We observe from Your kind Speech to both Houses of Assembly at the Opening of this Session your Excellency's Intention of Returning to Great Brittain; It would have been a Great Satisfaction to us, if the Air and Climate of this Province had been so Suitable to your Constitution as to have prevented the occasion of your Departure from us; But as health is the Greatest Temporall blessing, We must submit to the Inconveniency of your absence and Unanimously joyn in Sincerely wishing that your Intended Voyage may have the Desired Effect, in restoring you to a perfect State of Health, And that your Excellency may soon return to Execute the great Trust reposed in you by His Lordship, in which you have Acquitted Your selfe with great Justice and Wisdom.

The reason your Excellency has been pleased to Assigne for calling an Assembly at this time in Order to Joyn with us in Endeavouring for the real Service of this Province make such Impressions of Gratitude upon our minds as must Necessarily induce us to make suitable returns and use our utmost Endeavours to obtain the benefitts of your Good Inclinations in favour of our Country.

His Lordships kind Answer to the Joynt Address of both Houses of Assembly the last Session. We gratefully Accept not in the least