

U. H. J. requires the Speaker and the whole House to attend him in the Councill Chamber.

The Speaker and the whole House Accordingly Attend on His Excellency to whom he is pleased to make the following Speech.

p. 105 Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly

The near Approach of the time, when your last Tobacco Law will Expire, as to the Stint, I hope will induce you to a Serious Consideration upon the State of your Staple: If no immediate Visible Improvement thereof by Your last Law has yet Approved; That need not, I think Discourage you, The short Continuance of it, could not produce any Considerable Effects, a Trade reduced to such a very Languid State can only revive by Degrees; This I only mention, to obviate an Objection made in Generall by some, As that our late Tobacco Law hath done no Good: If any better Medium of relief can be found to Succour Our Staple, Happy shall we all be in the blessed Discovery; Ye must all have heard what our Merchants write on this Subject, which may be, I think, reduced to this Consideration, that, worse, may yet be worse, If we do not on our parts do some thing to prevent it.

Another matter I must mention, wherein I desire your kind advice and Assistance, I have had some Queries sent to me by the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, Two whereof I shall Communicate unto you; as the Answers thereto may be of Important Relation to this Country, your joynt advice and Information thereon will be Acceptable to me, I must be pressing to you on this Subject, having reason to think, that full and Speedy Answers to those Queries may be very much desired at home and may possibly prove of use to your Selves.

As this is likely to be the last Session before my Departure for England, I earnestly recommend to you such prudent and wise Course of proceeding therein as that I may be able when at Home, to make a Report Creditable and usefull; For as my Duty will Oblige me to render one faithfull & Exact, so will my true affection to this Province make me very Desirous that it should prove pleasing to our Superiors at home, and thereby Advantageous to the Good People Here.

p. 106 Let then real Loyalty to our most Gracious Sovereigne, Regardfull Duty to Our Lord Proprietary and his Government here, with Mutuall Justice and good Nature amongst your selves animate & direct Your Councils; hence and hence only, shall arise the Glory & Prosperity of the Province of Maryland.

M<sup>r</sup> Beale and M<sup>r</sup> Warfield from the lower House Acquaint His Excellency that the House hath Appointed M<sup>r</sup> Michael Macnemara their Clerk and Hopes for His Excellencys Approbation; His Excel-