

Members in the Room of Cap^t Paca and Major Yeates both De- L. H. J.
ceased; and to the Sheriff of Somerset County, to Elect a Member
in the room of Cap^t Martin, who since his Election, hath accepted
of the Office of Sheriff of Worcester County.

Ordered That M^r Worthington acquaint the Reverend M^r Edgar
he is desired to Read Divine Service morning and Evening during
this session

William Stoughton Esq^r and Col. Gale were ordered to go to the
Upper House, to see M^r John Purnell, M^r Thomas Robins, M^r Parker
Selby, and Col. John Henry, ffour Representatives for Worcester
County, Qualify themselves, They return and acquaint M^r Speaker
they were qualified in the usual manner

The Gentlemen took their Seats in the House

The Governor communicated to this House the following answers
of the Lord Proprietary, viz.

The Lord proprietary's Answer to the Address of the Gentlemen
and Delegates of the ffreemen of the province of Maryland

C: Baltimore Gentlemen,

I Have given the Governor Orders to Receive and transmit to me,
any Proposition you have to make as an Equivalent in lieu of my
Land-Rents, arising within the province of Maryland, to be paid in
Sterling Money in Great Britain, in such manner and form as may
best suit me, and are most Conducive to the Welfare of my Tenants,
and not Repugnant to my just Rights

C: B:

Given at London, this 30th Day of August 1743.

John Browning Secretary

By his Lordship's Command

The Lord Proprietor's Answer to the Address of the Gentlemen
and Delegates of the ffreemen of the Province of Maryland

C: Baltimore Gentlemen,

I Have Received your Address from M^r Paris, and you may be p. 381
assured of my having your Welfare sincerely at Heart, and of my
promoting it upon all Occasions to the utmost of my power.

As for the other Address you mention containing a Complaint of
many Aggrievances, it has not yet been presented to me; When it is,
I shall not be wanting, to contribute all in my Power to Redress the
real Grievances; and you may be Assur'd I shall always Consult with
and put confidence in the Candid Informations, and benevolent Dis-
positions, of the Honest and disinterested People of Maryland, and
as I have ever done, so I shall continue, to Dissent to any Law I
shall think not for the Public good.

I must own, I am at a loss how to conceive, proper Access to the
Public Registries of the Province could be denied you; and you may
be assured I shall have no objection to your Taxing your selves,