

William Stoughton Esq<sup>r</sup> being very sick hath leave of the House L. H. J. to go Home

M<sup>r</sup> Calder from the Committee of Laws, brings in the following Address to his Excellency, which was Read, Approved and Ordered to be Ingressed.

To his Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor of Maryland

The humble Address of the House of Delegates of the said Province

May it please your Excellency.

As his Majesty has no Subjects more sincerely devoted to his Person and Government than the Inhabitants of Maryland we return Your Excellency our hearty Thanks for having called Us together and communicated to Us the Royal Instructions so soon after your receipt of them, since you have thereby given Us an early Opportunity of Testifying Our Zeal for his Majestys Service, by complying as far as the Circumstances of this Colony will allow, with what he trusts to and expects from the People of this Province

Our Duty to Our Sovereign must necessarily give the Preference in Our Deliberations, to whatever Regards his Service, and we are determined that shall have all the dispatch the nature and Importance of the Thing can possibly admit of, tho at the same time We are well assured from his Majestys distinguished Benevolence towards all his Subjects he neither desires or expects, We should neglect the Reviving or Enacting such Laws as tend to the general Utility of his People, and have been long in Use amongst them, especially since by the Enjoyment of wholesome Laws and the Redress of Aggrievances, they will be the better enabled as well as more cordially disposed to contribute towards the present Occasion

Altho We hope the Provision we have already made for Encouragement of Levies will not only prove acceptable to his Majesty but also exceeds any thing we have hitherto heard of from any other Colony on this Continent, yet We shall duly consider what further may be necessary for that Purpose consistent with the Welfare of those We represent

The Principle of self Preservation will at all times engage Us to provide as far as lies in Our Power, for the Defence of Ourselves and the Province And we shall in that and all other parts of our Conduct, use our utmost endeavours to approve Ourselves dutiful Subjects to his most gracious Majesty as well as true Friends and Guardians of the Safety and well being of the Province

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Col<sup>o</sup> Levin Gale & James Harris Esq<sup>r</sup> from the Upper House p. 144 deliver to M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the following Message (See page 4)