

Eodem Die post Meridiem

This house met again according to Adjournment

U. H. J.
Liber No. 34
May 16

Present as in the Morning with the

Addition of Col George Plater

Benjamin Tasker Esq^r attended by the Members of this house presents to his Excellency their address which follows in these words To his Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq. Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland

The Humble Address of the Upper house of Assembly

May it Please your Excellency

We return your Excellency our most Sincere thanks for your kind and obliging Speech at the opening of this Session; and We gratefully acknowledge your unwillingness to put the Country to the Expence of an Assembly and to call Us from home at an Inconvenient Season of the year

The Shortness of the last Crop of Corn afforded a very Melancholy prospect, and nothing but the mild weather with which Providence favoured us, could have prevented so great a Scarcity in Several parts of the Country, as would have been attended with Terrible consequences, especially to the Poorer Sort; The want of Bread is one of the greatest Calamities that men are Subject, and therefore the most effectual care ought to be taken to prevent it, and as an Assembly must not only be very Expensive but must also unavoidably take up so much Time in getting together and in framing and Publishing any Law to Prohibit the Exportation of grain upon the most Pressing Occasion, that very Probably the Remedy would be to late as the length of time would give opportunities to export greater Quantities than could be Spared. As to our Part we shall concur in any Expedient that may Save Charge to the Country and avert the Calamity of wanting Bread.

We are convinced that the Happiness of any Country must be greatly promoted by the goodness of its high ways, that the having such is absolutely Necessary as well as reputable to all Countrys especially those of any Extent wherein People cannot Subsist nor any Inland Trade be carried on without Land Carriage and therefore We assure you that nothing in our Power shall be wanting to promote a thing of so great Importance and so Manifestly Conducive to the Prosperity of our Country, as what you so kindly & affectionately recommend it

We are firmly persuaded of the Truth an Sincerity of your Profession that nothing could give you more Pleasure than to See a General Spirit of Industry Spread itself thro' out the Province; and We and all mankind, must be convinced that were we to neglect either