

U. H. J. Thanks for convening the general Assembly at this Season, and for
 Liber No. 36 the Speech you were pleased to make to both Houses at the opening
 Oct. 15 of the Session.

The several Matters you have now recommended to our attention, are, we think, of great importance, and as such, will, we flatter ourselves, be, by both Houses, taken into serious consideration.

We thank you, Sir, for the kind assurance you give us, that you shall with the greatest Pleasure co-operate with the other branches of the Legislature in ordaining such Laws as may be conducive to the welfare of Maryland; confident we are that nothing will ever be wanting on your Excellencys part to render this Province flourishing and happy, and you may always depend upon the readiness of this House to concur in every measure likely to promote the true Interest of our Country. which was Read and ordered to be Engrossed.

The Engrossed Address, being prepared, was Read and Assented to, and Signed by Order of the House by the Honourable Benedict Calvert Esquire.

Ordered that Benedict Calvert Esq.^r, attended by the whole House, do present the said Address to his Excellency which was presented accordingly.

Adjourned until three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Eodem Die Post Meridiem.

The House met again according to Adjournment.

Present as in the Morning.

His Excellency is pleased to communicate to this House the following Message in Answer to the Address.

p. 685 Gentlemen of the Upper House.

I return you my hearty Thanks for your very obliging Address, and cannot entertain the least doubt of your cordially joining with the other House, with regard to these important Subjects recommended by me to your Attention.

I am happy in the assurances you give me of your Opinion, that nothing will be wanting on my Part to render this Province flourishing and happy. The ready concurrence of the Upper House, which I have ever experienced, on all occasions, and every measure that could tend to promote the same, merits my Confidence, and is an agreeable Testimony of their Approbation of my past Conduct.

15.th October 1773.

Robert Eden

Resolved, that this House will take into Consideration the Petition of George Fraser Hawkins, on Wednesday next, being the 20.th Ins.^t at Ten of the Clock in the Morning

Ordered that the Clerk of this House give Notice of the said