

yet no such copy has been discovered, the necessity for evidence of this character is now less imperative because of the greater existing knowledge of the life and activity of William Nuthead, and because through the discovery of a broadside printed in Maryland a few weeks after the presumed publication of the "Declaration" at St. Mary's City, the burden of the claim has been shifted to a more firmly established base. In the following section of the narrative the broadside which is here referred to will be described and discussed.

THE FIRST EXTANT ISSUE OF THE MARYLAND PRESS,  
THE ASSEMBLY "ADDRESS" OF 1689

The services of William Nuthead to the Associators were not concluded by the printing of their "Declaration." Soon after the publication of that document, addresses from various sources began to be drawn up for presentation to the King, some of them by the Protestant supporters of the Revolution, others by Protestants who had remained loyal to the Proprietary and his government. In the class first described was an "Address" from the Assembly, which, in the official manuscript copy transmitted to his Majesty, was dated "September 4, 1689." This copy, as it turned out, was received by the Lords of Trade on December 31, 1689,<sup>1</sup> but fearing with good cause that it had been captured by the French,<sup>2</sup> Coode wrote to the Privy Council on December 17th and stated in the letter that he was sending enclosed additional copies of the "Declaration" and of the "Address" of the Assembly.<sup>3</sup> On February 7, 1689/90, Lord Shrewsbury turned over to the Lords of Trade Coode's letter<sup>4</sup> and a printed copy of this "Address,"<sup>5</sup> printed it seems before its adoption by the delegates, but certified as an authentic copy in the following words written across its bottom margin by the Clerk of the Assembly: "This is a true copy of the Original. Attested per John Llewelin Clk Assembly."

The title and description of this broadside, preserved in the Public Record Office, London,<sup>6</sup> is as follows:

The |Address| of the Representatives of their Majestyes Protestant |Subjects, in the Provinnce (*sic*) of Mary-Land Assembled.|

<sup>1</sup> *Archives of Maryland*, 13: 239 and 240, where it is reprinted with the Lords of Trade indorsements.

<sup>2</sup> *Archives of Maryland*, 8: 167.

<sup>3</sup> *Archives of Maryland*, 8: 151 and 152.

<sup>4</sup> *Archives of Maryland*, 8: 152. Lord Shrewsbury was one of his Majesty's principal secretaries of state. For an account of him see "Talbot, Charles, 12th Earl and only Duke of Shrewsbury" in the *Dictionary of National Biography*.

<sup>5</sup> *Archives of Maryland*, 13: 231 and 232, where it is reprinted with the Lords of Trade indorsements.

<sup>6</sup> Old reference for this paper in P. R. O. was America and West Indies. No. 556, B. D., p. 6. Noted in the ms. calendar of Maryland papers in P. R. O. compiled by Henry Stevens, now in the Maryland Historical Society, as B. T. Maryland, vol. 1. B. D., p. 6. Its present number is C. O. 5/718.