

of Maryland for the Tyme being, doe giue your or their con- P. R. O.
 sent to the passing any law or act for any Gift or present to
 be made to you or them by the Assembly, and that neither
 you or they doe receiue any Gift or present from the Assem-
 bly or others on any account, or in any manner whatsoever,
 upon Paine of our highest displeasure, and of being recalled P. 5
 from th' our Governement Except onely that whereas there is
 noe house appointed or sett apart By us, for our said
 Govern^r and the Assembly of our said Province haueing upon
 the arrivall of Coll Blakiston our late Governour there past an
 act for Raiseing a further Revenew of three pence p Hogs-
 head, as an additionall allowance to him for his present Main-
 tenance, dureing his Governement over & aboue his ordinary
 allowance out of the Duty of two shillings p hhd upon To-
 bacco Exported, Wee are pleased to permitt the Assembly to
 repossess the like act, for your better Maintenance, as alsoe to
 assigne you a house, or Rent for the same, provided the said
 Act be passed, and house or Rent assigned for an unlimited
 Tyme, or dureing your continuance in that Governement

And wee doe further direct and require that this Decla-
 ration of our Royall will and pleasure be communicated to the
 Assembly att their first meeting after the Receipt hereof, and
 Entred in the Registers of our Councill and assembly that all
 persons whome itt may concerne may governe themselues ac-
 cordingly, Soe wee bidd you farewell. Given att our Court
 att St. James's the 20th day of Aprill 1703 in the Second yeare
 of our Reigne.

By her Ma^{ties} Command
 Nottingham.

To our trusty and well beloved Coll
 John Seymour our Captⁿ Generall
 and Govern^r in chiefe in and over
 our Province and Territory of Maryland in America, & to our
 Councill of our said Province, and to our Chiefe Gov^r or Gov-
 ernour and Councill of our said Province for the tyme being
 Maryland

The Governours Speech being read in this house, they pro-
 ceed to debate the same.

1st As to the Paragraph relateing to religion and Morality
 Resolved that the Committee to be appointed to draw up an
 Answer to his Excellency's Speech consult the laws that relate
 thereto, and Report to the house what Amendments ought to
 be made.

2^{dly} as to the Second part of the Same Paragraph relating
 to an allowance to be made to his Excellency the Governour
 Which is referred to further consideraōn.