

such a pernicious Notion that you Gentlemen here assembled L. H. J. are wiser than the vast Crowds of her other great Dominions who with open Loyal Hearts run to serve her Sacred Majesty who seems concerned the late Assembly threw out the Bill for punishing those that should raise and disperse false News in this critical Time of War and Danger. I am commanded to offer it anew to you Gentlemen the present Delegates, Nor can I believe any reasonable well meaning Man to the Government will ever be against it

Gentlemen, there is an Arrear due to the poor Men employed to secure your Magazine and Arms during our late Disturbances for as it was my very great Concern to preserve the Peace of the Country I am sure it's your Part to see those paid and rewarded who were so ready and vigilant to serve the Public. And now Gentlemen, give me Leave to tell you it's high Time for you that represent the whole Province to look into the many Immoralities of this poor deluded Country, where Drunkenness, Adultery, Sabbath breaking and Perjury are a Jest; horrid Murders stifled, and the Malefactors glory in it; Treasons made a Trifle and the Abettors caressed; Magistrates grow careless and the Offenders impudent; some being made believe by many Seducers a short Confession here can absolve them from any future Account Till these Things are in some Measure amended by your Prudence and Examples I have but slender Hopes your Debates can be successful; but as we are all willing to be called Christians and good Subjects let us in our several Stations act like Men of that Noble, Excellent Character; and let that Magistrate be stigmatized wth Infamy who connives at or countenances any Sort of Knavery, Atheism or Disloyalty and whenever you will heartily & sincerely endeavour to bring this great work about I should by the Blessing of God, Gentlemen, never doubt of seeing the Country flourish & improve For then Gentlemen the Heathen round about us would never mock at our Religion as Hypocrisie and the rest of the World will see, know & be convinced to your lasting Glory that the People of Maryland truly serve God and with a Dutiful Regard Honour our Lawful and Rightful Sovereign the Queen.

Col^o Thomas Smithson a Member returned for Baltimore p. 161 County being lame sent his Lre of Excuse for not attending; which was read and allowed of and M^r John Carville and M^r John Bathurst two members for Kent County being sick were excused from Attendance as was also Capt. John Franklin a Member for Somerset County by Reason of Sickness.

Committee for Election and Privileges appointed by the House and Col^o Walter Smith, Capt Richard Jones, Capt John