

U. H. J. In your said Address you Desired time till the next Sessions to Consider the proper Alteracons you Declare necessary to be made to the late Act for Ascertaining the bounds of Land then under our Consideration; and Which we had Signified to you Ought to be Consonant to the Laws of Great Britain, the Supplementary Act since made, and Intended for an Amendment thereof leaves the Properties of his Majestys Subjects in Maryland to be Determined in a Different Manner from Those of Great Brittain, whose Safety and Happyness it is to have Theirs try'd and Decided by their Equalls Twelve Good men of the Countrey on their Oaths; I have therefore thought fit to Dissent to the said Act intituled An Act Ascertaining the bounds of Land within this Province and Likewise to the Act intituled A Supplementary Act to the Act for Ascertaining the bounds of Land within this Province And do here-

p. 4 by Declare the said Acts null, Void & of no Effect.

No doubt Gentlemen the Assistance of the Legislature may be very necessary in many Instances to the Courts in Maintaining or Correcting but not in Depriving them of their Judicature, & I shall be most ready to Confirm any such Law, in Order so to Settle the boundaries of our Lands, as Every man may in the best Manner possible enjoy his own

Gentlemen I have formerly made known to you, that the Legislature of Great Britain does not take upon them, among their Parliamentary Proceedings to Decide matters of Meum and Tuum; The Peoples Properties are rul'd by the known Laws of the Land, however Extraordinary their Cases may be, unless for the joynt Relief, And upon the united Application of all Parties Concerned; And I am Advised, And think it Absolutely necessary that yours should be Preserved to you Agreeable thereto, I have therefore Dissented to the Act Intituled An Act to invest an Estate in ffee to John Clements of Queen Ann's County in a Certain Lott in the Town of Cambridge in Dorchester County and to the Act intituled An Act for the Relief of Benjamin Howard in makeing Good the Survey of Howards Purchase, And also to the Act intituled an Act Empowering certain Commissioners to Dispose of the remaining part of the Personall Estates, which were of Tho^s Smithson late of Dorchester County Gent. and Thomas Smithson late of Talbott County Esq^r Deceased & to Settle and Assess the Losses, Damages, Costs by Thomas Hicks Gent. and John Davis Son and Heir at Law of Jeremiah Davis Sustained, as also to Value the Lands Whereof the said Thomas Smithson of Dorchester County and the said Thomas Smithson of Talbott County died Seized, And to Dispose of so much of the said Personall Estates and the Lands as will Satisfie the said Tho^s Hicks and the said John Davis for their Damages Losses and Costs Sustained by means of a Warrant of Lands from