

Maryland ss.

At a Session of Assembly begun and held by severall Prorogations at Annapolis on Monday September the 23<sup>d</sup> in the Eighth year of the Dominion of the Right Honble Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon &c<sup>a</sup> Annoque Domini 1723.

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Present

The Honble Charles Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> Governour

The honble { Col<sup>o</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Holland      Col<sup>o</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Tilghman  
                  { Col. Sam<sup>l</sup> Young      Col. Mat: Tilgh Ward  
                  { Col. Tho<sup>s</sup> Addison    Benj<sup>a</sup> Tasker Esq<sup>r</sup>

Members of the Upper House

Coll<sup>o</sup> Mackall and M<sup>r</sup> Tyler from the Lower House acquaint his Honour that there is a sufficient number of their House met to proceed upon business and that they wait to know his Commands

Whereupon Coll<sup>o</sup> Holland is sent to acquaint them that his Honour requires the Speaker and the whole House to attend him immediately in the Council Chamber. He returns and says he delivered his Message.

The Speaker and the whole House attend Accordingly and his Honour was pleased to Open the Session with the following Speech Viz.

Gentlemen of the Uppcr and Lower Houses of Assembly.

Since our Last Session the Brittish Parliament Has taken our Staple into their Consideration and because Quantities of Trashy Tobacco have been sent home (notwithstanding our Law) the burning of w<sup>ch</sup> put the Crown to a vast Expencc Contrary to the intent of that Act made at Home in our Favour, That Act is now repealed. This ought to awaken every one for their own Interest to Endeavour to mend the Quality, and send home none but Clean Tobacco, and tho this may in some measure lessen the number of Hogsheads, yet the Goodness will make ample amends to the Planter and nobody will be a Loser but the L<sup>d</sup> Proprietor, notwithstanding w<sup>ch</sup> his Ldp out of a Fatherly Tenderness for the Country having their Good at Heart before his own Private Interest, has Commanded me to pass his Revenue Bill upon the same Foot it was for three years Longer.