

disapproveing the pceedings of Tho^s Brooke Esq^r w^{ch} we are U. H. J.
willing to believe were rather the Effects of a mistaken
Judgm^t formed by Pernicious Counsellors than the pduct of his
own Inclinations, It was wth great Concern we heard (tho
at the same time we Could not believe) the malicious and
false Reports industriously Spread amongst us that your
Lordship had sent a private Comission to the said Tho^s Brooke
Esq^r to take upon him the Adm^{con} of this Govern^t dureing the
Residence of our late Governour But your L^dships Expressions
by w^{ch} you Signifie your Detestation of such indirect
Measures in Governing administers new Occasion of Satis-
faction to us, and Induces us to believe that thô your L^dship
is Absent from us we shall still be Govern'd by the Rules of
Justice and Honour In the mean time we begg leave to Assure
your L^dship that our Endeavours shall not be wanting in our
Severall Stations to p^mote to the utmost of our Power the
Establishment of Peace & Tranquility in this Province & shall
Readily Indulge our Dissenting Brethren in Church and
State as farr as a Charitable Inclination Circumscribed by
the Laws of our Country will Permitt

Your Lordships favourable Approbation of our Choice of
an Agent to negotiate the Affairs of this Province in Great
Brittain together with the Character you are Pleased to give p. 95
of His Strict Adherence to the Protestant Interest & his
Loyalty to his Maj^{ty} King George confirms us in the good
Opinion we before had of him & will be a farther Obligⁿ on
us to Solicite the Continuance of his good Offices in behalf of
this pvince.

And now may it Please your L^dship we begg leave in the
Joyfullest manner to Congratulate Your accession to the
Sole Adm^{con} of the Govern^t of this your pvince of Mary-
land under his Most Sacred Maj^{ty} King George by attaining
on the 29th of Sept last to the Completion of those years which
the known Laws of Great Brittain and Consequently of this
pvince has fixt as a Certⁿ period to minority It was wth the
greatest Demonstrations of Joy and the Utmost decency our
Circumstances Could furnish that the Celebracon of that
day was p^formed in this your L^dships Metropolis and we hope
we shall in succeeding years have the same Oppertunity and
Occasion from the Same Sence of Benefitts to Celebrate the
Anniversary of it, For as your Early Genius had acquired
Qualifications Suitable to Govern^t before the Time So we
Promise Ourselves your future Improvements will be at least
Proportionable which must needs rend^r you a happy Prop^{ty}
and us an happy people and Both Acceptable to his most