

L. H. J. Prop^y to the Addresses of both houses in the year 1721 with the following Message Viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly

September the 25th 1723

Gentlemen.

The Inclosed is a Duplicate of his Lordship the Lord Proprietary's Answer to the Addresses of both houses in the year 1721 (The Originall of which miscarried as his Honour has Informed us) and Communicated to us by his honour in Order to be Transmitted to your House

Signed p Order Sam: Skippon Cler. Up. Ho.

Which Address is as follows Viz.

Gentlemen of the Upper and lower Houses of Assembly.

C: Baltmore

I thank you for your Affectionate and Dutifull Addresses Severally transmitted to me, And Cannot but take pleasure in the happy Effects you Expect from my Government Directed by the Resolutions I have Taken to make the publick Good the Rule of it.

The Subject matter of the Act for limitation of Officers fees has with Various Opinions taken up much Time and
p. 8 Consideration, and least some might think me partial to my self because the naming the persons Employed in the Severall Offices of Government is in me, I have been Sensibly touched about it, And the more so since the late Reasons offered to Induce me not to Dissent thereto Unhappily Differ so widely from my Own.

I think the Continual Affluence of People will Multiply Business Care and hands as well as Enumerate Officers fees And by your Way of reasoning Gentlemen of the lower House, You may as well from time to time Lessen what they now Enjoy, as you have what they formerly Did. Nor am I fully Convinced should the fluctuating Condition of Our Staple so Improve (which God grant it May) as To Double their profits to what the low State of it has now rendred them, they would have more than an Ample Compensation for their Labours Altho' Constantly residing amongst you. But, as it is, and as I Conceive very Justly thought necessary, that some Certain officers of the State should be Supported about the person of your proprietary in great Brittain in Such Manner as to be Able plentifully Out of the profits of their office to gratifie such Deputy or Deputies as the Business necessary