

At a Session of Assembly begun and held by several Prorogations at Annapolis October the 6th in the ninth year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable Charles Lord Baron of Baltimore Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon &c^a Annoq Domini 1724.

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Present

The Honourable Charles Calvert Esq^r Governor
the hon^{ble} { Col^o William Holland John Rousby Esq^r
 { Col^o Samuel Young Benjamin Tasker Esq^r
 { John Hall, Esq^r

Members of the Upper House

Col^o Mackall and M^r Tyler from the Lower House acquaint his Honour the Governor there are a sufficient number of their members met to proceed upon Business

Whereupon Col^o Young is sent to acquaint them that his Honour the Governor requires M^r Speaker and the whole House to attend him in the Council Chamber immediately

The Speaker and the whole House give their Attendance accordingly and his Honour opened the Session with the following speech viz.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly.

Having received no late Instructions by Reason of the Shipping not being yet arrived I have nothing to lay before you from my Lord Proprietor.

Gentlemen.

It will be very necessary to fall upon some method to prevent the Exportation of Corn out of this province when there is reason to fear we may be Reduced to want our selves and which will be our Case in a little Time if not prevented For by Report our Neighbouring Colonies have suffered very much in their Corn and they will no doubt purchase more than we can prudently Spare them; therefore I think it very worthy your consideration

I shall conclude with heartily Recommending the necessary dispatch of the publick Affairs and as I have nothing more at Heart than the Prosperity of the Country I do not in the least doubt your best Wishes for the publick Welfare

Cha: Calvert.