

U. H. J. The Speaker & the whole House Accordingly Attend on His Excellency to whom he is pleased to make the following Speech.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly

As I have an Intention to visit my Native Country upon Account of my Health which for some time past I have very much wanted. And not knowing how suddenly I might undertake the Voyage I inclined to a Session of Assembly at this time pursuant to Your Last
p. 70 Prorogation, That I might once more at least Joyne with You in my best Endeavours for the Real Service of the Country, A Scene wherein I shall ever be ready to Act the Kindest and Sincerest Part.

His Lordship the Lord Proprietary having Transmitted me his Answer to your Joint Address in the last Session. I shall lay the same before you pursuant to His Lordships Directions.

I must renew my former Recommendation of Care & Circumspection in the pening of our Laws since the use as well as the Creditt of them will much depend thereon.

I am informed by some of the Naval Officers that severall persons (who in their Opinions seem not Entituled thereto) claim the Benefit of the Laws made in favour of Residents, as to the Publick Duties, and in as much as those Laws are by many thought not sufficiently clear in their Expressions. An Explanation thereupon may clear all Doubts; and prevent further Disputes. which I hope you will therefore Consider of.

Altho we must Principally rely on the Divine Providence for an happy Issue to all our Consultations yet on our Part we must not be wanting in a Calm and Diligent Attention thereto: Would we seek after Wisdom we must seek her in the Temple of Concord. there only she delights to dwell, there may be had freedom of Converse with her, and Moderation only can shew us the paths that lead thereto.

And as I have such Intentions of leaving for some time His Lordships Good Tenants here; they may be Assured, that my best Endeavours shall not be wanting in England, upon any occasion wherein I can be Serviceable to them; However the prudence of your owne measures may be greatly Assistant to my best Inclinations in the service of the Province of Maryland.

His Lordships Answer to the Address of both Houses of Assembly
in Maryland.

London The Twenty Nineth day of Jan^{ry} 1730/1

C. Baltemore.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly.

p. 71 I thank you for your kind and Dutifull Address and you may be Assured of my Protection and Care for the welfare of the Province of Maryland.