

The Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary Communicates his Answer to the Address of this House in the following Words.

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Gentlemen of the Upper House of Assembly

I thank you for your kind Address, and as I never questioned your Loyalty to his Majesty, your Affection to me, your Readiness to promote the Welfare of the Province, you may be assured nothing shall be Wanting in me that may any ways Conduce to the General good of my Tenants

Read the Petition of Jerome Plummer and James Gibson Languishing Prisoners in Prince Georges County Goal, Daniel Sullyvan in Calvert County Goal, Isaac Tunney, and John Bradshaw in Talbot County Goal, and Samuel Maccubbin in Baltimore County Goal and sent to the Lower House with the following Message by Michael Howard Esq^r

By the Upper House of Assembly 15th March 1732

Gentlemen.

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Several People now in many of the Goals of this Province having this Session preferred to this House their Petitions herewith sent, praying a Bill may be brought in, to discharge and Release them from their Confinements and Debts, upon Delivery of their Estates and Effects for the use of their Creditors; This House is sensible of many Inconveniencys arising from such Petitions, and Bills thereon every Session of Assembly, as well as the great Expence of the Country, on Occasion of the Time taken up in Considering such Petitions: Therefore this House propose (if your House thinks proper) that a Bill may be Framed, Agreeable to the Intention and Design of the Acts of Bankrupcy in England, which may relieve not only the Persons now in Goal; but also those who are or may be hereafter Indebted; beyond their Abilities to Satisfie such Provision, We think will better Answer the relieving unfortunate Debtors, than the Method used by former Assemblys

Signed p Order John Ross Ct. Up. Ho.

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

Friday 16th March 1732

March 16

This House met again according to Adjournment

Present as Yesterday

Read the Petition of Several the Inhabitants of the Upper part of Prince Georges County praying that a Bill may be brought in to make a Division of the said County from the Mouth of Beverdam