

U. H. . Gentlemen of the upper and Lower Houses of Assembly
 Lib. No. 33

It was with Great Concern I found my self under a Necessity of Calling you together at this Season of the Year, which was occasioned by the very great drought that has happened this Summer whereby as I have been informed from all Parts of the Province there is a great Reason to apprehend a Scarcity of Grain among our Selves if the most speed and Effectual Methods be not used to prevent it such a misfortune is the more to be feared from the want of Grain in Foreign Parts which may be an Inducement to give a great Price to such among us as can spare any and a great Price the Greatest Temptation to sell

I thought it my Duty on so important and pressing an Occasion to use all the means I could to prevent the Exportation of Grain and to that end with the advice of his Lordships Council of State issued a Proclamation which I hope has had some Effect but as it is the Legislature only that Can provide effectually in the Present Case
 p. 489 we are now met together for that end & what ever you shall think necessary for the welfare and Safety of the People of Maryland you may depend on my Concurrence

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning nine of the Clock

August 12

Friday Morning 12th August 1737

The House met again according to Adjournment

Present as Yesterday

Col^o Tilghman attended by the members of this House presents to his Excellency the Governor the address of this house which follows in these Words

To his Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq^r Governor & Commander in Chief in & over the Province of Maryland

The humble Address of the Upper house of Assembly

We beg Leave to tender our sincere thanks to your Excell^y for your kind speech at the Opening this Session setting forth the Cause of convening us in which we intirely acquiesce and acknowledge your Excellencys repeated care for the welfare and Preservation of the Good People of this Province in giving us this favourable Opportunity of Endeavouring to secure ourselves from the fatal Consequence the present great Draught might otherwise Occasion

We further assure your Excellency that nothing shall be wanting on our Parts to testify our great Regard to your self & the real Pleasure we receive from your Administration and shall Endeavour