

Monday 18 May 1747

U. H. J.
Liber No. 34
May 18

This House met again according to Adjournment

Present as on Saturday Except Philip Thomas Esq^{re}

Benjamin Tasker Esq^r attended by the Members of this House presents to his Excellency the Address of this House which follows in these words.

To His Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq^r Governor and Commander in Chief in and Over the Province of Maryland

The humble Address of the Upper house of Assembly
May it please Your Excellency

We Return Your Excellency Our most hearty thanks for Your affectionate and Obliging Speech at the opening of this Session and we embrace this Opertunity to Congratulate you on Your Return to the Government of this Province and Your Own and Famuly Safe Arrived in it. Your Excellency has shewn your Great Regard for the Country, in Recommending to Our Consideration the Deplorable Condition It is Reduced to by the Low Price our Staple Tobacco now bears, and in Pointing Out to us a Method, whereby it may be Certainly Amended p. 158

We are convinced that the most rational way of improving and Securing any Export is by keeping up the Credit of the Commodity at the Place it is Exported to and that if we Can Effectually prevent our Trash Tobacco being Sent to Market, Our Rivals will cease to have any Advantage Over Us, & therefore we will Exert our Utmost Endeavours to Attain that end

We cannot think any of those ways which by Experience we have already found to be ineffectual will now answer better than they have done heretofore; and the Success which the Virginians have had by their Inspection Law shews Us very Plainly that Tobacco may be made a very Valuable Commodity, and Marks out to Us the Method of doing it which Method is Plain and easy in the Execution

We are met together with a Thorough Resolution to do everything in Our power to promote the General Happyness and Security and shall most Chearfully Contribute on our parts, towards Providing Armes and Ammunition, which in this time of real and imminent Danger must appear to everybody to be more than Ordinarily Necessary for the Defence of this Province

Nothing could be more agreeable to Us, than the assurances you have been pleased to give us of Your Readyness to do everything in your Power, to overcome all Difficultys to anything that may be proposed for the Happiness and Prosperity of the Province, and of Your being sincerely inclined to Promote its Interest; and as we are Convinced that you have Communicated to us, the real Sentiments of Your heart; and Promised no more than what you are Deter-