

U. H. J. Benjamin Tasker Esq^r attended by the Members of this house
 Liber No. 34 presents to his Excellency the Address of this house in the word
 May 10 following

To His Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq^r Governor & 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 beg Leave to return your Excellency Our unfeigned Thanks for the Speech you was pleased to make to Us at the meeting of both Houses of Assembly this Session, and it is with hearts full of Gratitude We acknowledge his Majestys care and Wisdom in the Establishing of a General Peace, the Advantages whereof we hope this Province will partake and that We may soon feel the happy Effects of it in the Advancement of Our Staple

The General Approbation which the late Law we passed for Inspection of Tobacco has met with at home is a convincing proof to Us, of the Expediency of that Law, and we make no Doubt but Experience will Render it as agreeable to every Body here: We are very sensible that the best Laws without a faithful & due Execution of them must fail in some measure to answer the Salutary Ends proposed by them, and therefore if in this it shall be found that some further Encouragement is Necessary to induce Men of worth and Character, to take upon them the office of Inspectors We shall readily concur in giving our Assistance therein, as well as in renewing such temporary Laws as may be wanted for the Publick good

And we make bold to assure your Excellency that We shall Endeavour as far as in us Lies to Proceed with such unanimity as may give the greatest dispatch to Business and thereby Lessen the Expences of our meeting

Benj^a Tasker Pres^{dt}

Mess^{rs} Bond and Mills from the Lower house attend with M^r Philip Key and M^r Abraham Barnes Two of the Members Returned for S^t Marys County to see them Qualified, who take the several Oaths to the Government required by Law Repeat and Subscribe the Abjuration and Test and then withdraw

Adjourned till to morrow Morning ten of the Clock

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Thursday Morning 11th May 1749.

This house met again according to Adjournment

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Present as yesterday

His Excellency is pleased to communicate his answer to the Address of this house which answer is as follows