

Richard Lee, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Message; viz. (See page 534)

L. H. J.
Liber No. 47
June 8

Col. Hooper delivers to Mr. Speaker an Address to the Governor; which was read, approved, and ordered to be Ingrossed.

Col. Hooper, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Address to the Governor, Ingrossed; viz.

To his Excellency Samuel Ogle, Esq; Governor of Maryland;

The humble Address of the House of Delegates.

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May it please your Excellency,

Upon considering your Excellency's Message of this Date, in Relation to the Oath prescribed by Law to be taken by the respective Clerks, we humbly apprehend it must be strongly presumed, that all Laws made by any Legislature deriving their Power under the British Constitution, are made with the greatest Deliberation and Circumspection; and that not only that Branch which more immediately represents the People, but the other two, are equally concerned in forming and perfecting the same; that therefore a Disobedience to such Laws equally reflect upon the whole Legislature.

We apprehend, that the Oath in the Act mentioned is as full and explicit as the Nature of the Case would admit; and we take Leave to assure your Excellency, that upon the strictest Examination thereof, we cannot conceive that any Clerks, or others thereby expressed, meant, or intended, can make any just Exception thereto, provided they are content with the Salary or Wages which their Principals give them; and which was the Intention of the Legislators they should be, without extorting or taking from the People, applying to the respective Offices, other Rewards than are limited and allowed by Law for the principal Officers. Therefore we cannot think any further Explanation of that Oath necessary.

Which was read and assented to, and signed by Order of the House by the Honourable Speaker.

Ordered, That Mr. Bordley and Mr. Murdock do acquaint his Excellency that this House hath prepared an Address to be presented to him, and desires to know when and where he will please to receive it: They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the Governor signified he would receive the Address immediately in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered, That Col. J. Henry and three more do present the Address.

The Governor communicates to Mr. Speaker the following Answer to the Address of this House presented this Day; viz.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

As you are of Opinion there is no Ambiguity in the Oath prescribed by the Law of 1750, to be taken by the respective Clerks, and are unwilling to make any further Explanation of the same; I