

Rights and Properties, as I shall always, on my Part, do in support of yours.

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After which his Excellency made the following Speech :

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly

I have chosen this Opportunity of meeting you upon the last Prorogation, from an Opinion, That your Attendance here may be more suitable to your private Affairs at this, than at any other Season. I cannot but take Occasion, to congratulate you on the Lord Proprietary being arrived at an Age to take you under his more immediate Protection, and convince you, by his tender Care, that the affectionate Professions you have now heard from him, are the real Dictates of his generous Heart : And I must with Pleasure, acknowledge myself persuaded, from the short Acquaintance I have had amongst you, that you will not shew less Earnestness to maintain that Harmony, and mutual Good Will, on which alone the real Happiness and Prosperity of the Province can subsist.

Nothing can contribute so much to my own Happiness, as to see this Province flourish under my Administration ; but as Mens different Conceptions, frequently, in Life, prevent their concurring in the Means to obtain the End they equally have in View, I will promise the less, and endeavour the more, that every Step I take, may conduce to the general Welfare.

As soon as his Lordship's Commission made Maryland an Object of my Attention, and his Commands pointed me out a Way of shewing my Zeal in it's Service, by procuring a Replacement of the Arms supplied from the Provincial Armory, for the Canada Expedition, I lost no Time in making Application, and with such Success, that their Arrival may be expected soon after the Orders already issued for that Purpose, can be complied with.

Gentlemen,

Although the Principle of Self Preservation, and that universal Desire to increase the Riches of one's Country, seem to make every Recommendation on those Points unnecessary to it's Representatives, yet as several Omissions may happen through Multiplicity of Business, or other Accidents, I shall not be wanting on my Part, in reminding you, from Time to Time, of what may occur to my Thoughts, relative to those important Subjects, so worthy of your Regard.

Mr. Speaker (attended by the Members) returned to the Lower House, and re-assumed the Chair.

The Lord Proprietary's Speech was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Governor's Speech was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House appointed George Johnson as Serjeant at Arms, to attend Mr. Speaker and the Lower House of Assembly, in the room of Mr. Thomas King, deceased. p. 260