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& the People of Maryland as the querist would insinuate but between the Upper House of Assembly near half the Members of the Lower House & a very considerable part of the people on one side & a small Majority of the Lower House & with the Rest of the People on the other side, & therefore the Gentlemen of the Upper House insist that to prevent partial or unfair Representations being made by the Agent of One Party it is reasonable that the other Party should have an Agent likewise & that the Expence of both should be defrayed out of the provincial Treasury.

[p. 9] 8. If the Lower House would have joined with the Governor & the Upper House in an Address to our most Gracious Sovereign on His Accession as had been done on similar Occasions & as they were then invited to do, or if they would on that Occasion have transmitted a separate Address to the King under Cover to the Proprietary His Lordship would readily have presented it, & the Reason why the Address they sent on that Occasion inclosed in a Letter to One of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State was never presented to His Majesty was that it did not come thro the usual Channel

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10. The Courts of Justice in Maryland are the County Courts held four times a Year in each County, the Provincial or supreme Court held twice a Year at Annapolis, the Court of Chancery held four times a Year & the Court of Appeals which meets three times a Year.

11. The Court of Appeals, is established by Act of Assembly & receives Appeals both from the Courts of Law & the Court of Chancery.

12. Appeals are made from the County Courts to the provincial & from the Provincial & Chancery Courts to the Court of Appeals tho not often.

[p. 10] 13. The Judges of the County Courts are the Justices of Peace appointed by the Commission from the Lieutenant Governor out of the principal Gentlemen in each County that are willing to act for as it is a very troublesome Office many Gentlemen decline it; they are dismissible at pleasure as are all Justices of Peace in the Kings Dominions, but as there are from Ten to Twenty of them in a County, few of them very fond of the Office & all of them desirous to stand well with their Neighbours & not a few of them Members of the Lower House there is not the least Room for a Suspicion of the County Courts being under any proprietary Influence & they are under the Tye of an Oath to pay no Regard in the Distribution of Justice to any Orders Letters or Influence whatever & if they were all inclined to violate it or to favour the Proprietary in any Instance they could scarcely do so unless they were also to corrupt the Juries who are always inclined to favour