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already founded here; or otherwise, that His Majesty would be Graciously pleased,  
of his Bounty, to Grant us some equivalent Advantage for the Encouragement of  
the Youth of this Province, where, we dare boldly affirm, that his Majesty hath  
as many Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, as in any other part of his Royal Dominions,  
in proportion to the number of the Inhabitants thereof.  
As to the several other Matters contained in your Excellency's Speech, We shall  
diligently apply our selves to the dispatch of all Business brought before us this  
Session for the Good of our Country.  
What now remains upon us, is to make a Dutiful Acknowledgment of your  
Excellencies most Assiduous Endeavours, in putting us upon such an Establishment  
as gives a Pleasing Prospect of *Liberty* and *Prosperity* to this Province for Ages  
to come.

# AN ADDRESS

OF

The Lower House of Assembly, May 19th, 1719.

*May it Please your Excellency,*

**T**HE many Important Occasions, your Excellency was pleased to Com-  
municate by your Speech, at the Opening of this Session, Sufficiently  
Evince the Necessity of Convening us at this time, altho' inconvenient  
to our Private affairs; but as we shall always prefer the Publick Good to any  
Private interest of our own, We shall Endeavour, with such Unanimity and Di-  
ligence, to apply and exert our selves to the Dispatch of the Business now before  
us, as may render our Selves equally acceptable to your Excellency and our  
Country.

We are Thankful for their Lordship's, the Lords *Guilford* and *Baltimore's* Ap-  
probation, of our late Proceedings, in assisting the Authority of his Courts, and  
Persons of his Ministers; And we shall most Sincerely Endeavour to merit the  
like Approbation, by using our utmost Endeavours for the Strengthening and  
Continuance thereof. Tho' we must Acknowledge, that we are under some Con-  
cern to find the Justice of the Legislature Questioned, upon the Private Opinion of  
some Gentlemen of the Law, when we doubt not, but, if the Reasons that moved  
them to the Passing of that Act, both as to the matter and manner of it, had been  
heard by disinterested Persons, their Opinion would have Rather inclined their  
Lordships to have Confirmed than Repealed it. And we must declare to your  
Excellency, it's Surprising to find, that Gentlemen, so Eminent for Learning in  
the Laws of *Great Britain*, as those that have Signed their Opinions in that Case,  
should assert, That a Lawyer's Contemning the Authority and Affronting the persons  
of the Judges he pleads before, and daring a Court of Judicature to proceed a-  
gainst Criminals, for whom he Pleads, and the other Reasons assigned in the Pre-  
amble of that Law, Especially in his persisting in a Continued Course of Mis-  
behaviour, were not Sufficient Causes for the Courts, that were so used by him,  
to bar him of his practice before them.

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