

faithfull subjects of the province have entrusted the direction of their Ap-
-plication to the care of Col^o. Nathaniel Blackstone a person so constantly
attached to the protestant interest and of such known and approved loyalty
to the King and Esteem with his Ministers that we take pleasure at his instance
to make our power conducive to your happiness ~

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly ~

I shall not trouble you myself with long harang-
-ues but rather chuse to let time and my future actions demonstrate how
much I desire the peace and prosperity of this province and that I may demean
myself so (if possible) to answer his Majesties great goodness in approving
and my Lord Proprietary's bounty in placing me in this station ~

And as I cannot more Effectually shew my Loyalty to our Sov^o Lord
King George than in a steady adherence to our happy Establishment in his
illustrious line by Encouraging and trusting in the severall Officers
of Government his Majesties approved and tryed subjects and keeping in
the bounds our unhappy dissenters from it (which I am determined to do)
so I cannot more sincerely shew my duty to our Lord and Proprietary than
by zealously recommending to your deliberate and peacefull consider-
-ations the severall matters and things with which I am instructed Copy
whereof I shall Order forthwith to be layd before you, which when by your
wise Councils happily accomplished must necessarily tend to a real
benefit and lasting good understanding between the Proprietary and his
Majesties faithfull subjects of this province. from whence I hope to
make my government most acceptable to you ~

Gentlemen I have had Experience and felt myself the
benefit of his Lordships benign, sweet disposition and am well acquainted
with his practice and steady resolution in treading in the paths of Justice
and Honour and I have his particular Com^omands to assure you that
his whole aim and study shall be to live with the good people of Maryland
as a bountifull indulgent Father would towards a dutyfull deserving
son and I affirm ~

Do you do your parts, he will delight himself in doing his.
Charles Calvert.

Afterwards Mr. Speaker with the whole House return to their own House
where Mr. Speaker resumes the Chair - Mr. Roger Matthews a delegate
returned to serve for Baltimore County in the room of Col^o. James Phillips
dec^d and William Clayton a Delegate for Talbot County in the room of
Mr. Tho^o. Emerson dec^d and Mr. Stephen Knight a delegate returned for Cecil
County to serve in the room of Capt. James Frisby dec^d Appeared -
Ordered that Col^o. Maxwell, Col^o. Harmon and Mr. Edmondson go to the
Upper House to see them qualified.

They Return and say - They saw them qualified. Whereupon they take