

The Question was put, Whether the said Answer to the Governour's Speech, should be ingross'd without Alteration, or not? And Resolv'd in the Affirmative.

Mr. Dulany is order'd to get the same ingross'd.

The Petition of *William Chandler*, of *Charles County*, being read, was granted.

The House adjourns until Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

(Friday, at Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.)

The House met according to Adjournment. The Members were called, and all present, as in the Morning.

Mr. Dulany, brings in the Address to the Governour ingross'd.

Mr. Dulany, and Mr. Key, are ordered to go and acquaint the Governour; this House hath prepared an Address to Him; and desire to know, when and where he will receive the same. They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, they deliver'd their Message; and that the Governour is ready to receive the same immediately, at his House.

Col. *Greenfield*, and Eleven more, are ordered to go, and present the following Address to the Governour, *viz.*

To the Honourable BENEDICT LEONARD CALVERT, Esq; Governour of MARYLAND.

The humble ADDRESS of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY.

May it please your Honour,

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Freemen of *Maryland*, in Assembly convened, return your Honour our most humble and hearty Thanks, for giving us this Opportunity (however inconvenient it may be to us, with Regard to our private Concerns) of consulting a Matter of such great Importance to our Country, as the Amendment of our Staple.

AND we are truly sorry for, and condole with Your Honour, on the Cause of your Affliction, as well as your own Indisposition.

WE acknowledge, with the deepest Sense of Gratitude, your Regard to the Welfare of this Province, and Compliance with the joyn't Address of both Houses of Assembly, in concerting a Correspondence with *Virginia*; the People of which Colony, cannot but be convinced, as we are, that their Welfare, as well as ours, depends on the Amendment of our common Staple, Tobacco. And that whether we pursue the same, or different Means, the End ought to be the same.

AS to the Scheme your Honour has been pleas'd to communicate to us, we shall take the same, as well as every Thing else that shall occur, or be proposed to us, into our most serious Consideration; and endeavour, to the best of our Understanding, to form such a Tobacco-Law, as may remove some of the Miseries under which our Country at present groans. And do all we can to dispatch the other Publick Business, with the least Expence to the People we represent.

YOUR