

*Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,*

**T**HIS being the first Time of our Meeting in Assembly, since the Marriage of his Royal Highness the Prince of *WALE*S, it is with much Pleasure that I congratulate you upon so happy an Occasion.

**T**HE Choice His Majesty has made of an Alliance with the illustrious House of *SAXE-GOTHA*, is such an Instance of his great Regard for the Protestant Interest in General, as well as the Particular Happiness of his own People, that it must be ever remembered with the greatest Gratitude by every true Lover of his Country.

*Gentlemen of the Lower House,*

**I** HAVE received His Lordship's Answer to your Address relating to an Equivalent for his Quit-Rents and Alienation Fines, as likewise to the other, wherein you joined with the Upper House; which shall be immediately laid before you.

*Gentlemen of both Houses,*

**A**S you are perfectly acquainted with the Circumstances of the Country, I think it unnecessary to point out any thing in Particular for your present Consideration: All that I have to recommend to you, is, Temper and Moderation in your Proceedings, that you may consider with Calmness and Candor such Things as may be proposed among your selves for the Public Good: The Happiness of People of all Ranks depending so much upon the Nature of the Laws they live under, it is impossible for any Legislature to be too careful in the Discharge of the great Trust reposed in them; for my Part, I shall never think any Attention or Trouble too great, where the Prosperity of the Province is in any Manner concerned.

And the Lord Proprietor's Answer to the Addresses of both Houses.  
*The Right Hon. the Lord Proprietary's Answer to the Addresses of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly in Maryland, to his Lordship.*

**Baltimore.** **I** HAVE received your Addresses, setting forth, The Hardships the People in *Maryland* lay expos'd to, by their too near Neighbourhood to *Pennsylvania*; I have likewise received your other Two Addresses, relating to my obtaining for you a Licence for bringing Salt from *Lisbon*; and that, making me an Offer of an Equivalent, in Lieu of my Alienation Fines and Quit-Rents.

**A**S to the First, it too nearly concerns me, to lose a Moments Time in pursuing the most proper Methods to put a Stop to the unparallel'd Encroachments of our Neighbours the *Pennsylvanians*; and I cannot but commend the Zeal you shew in your protecting His Majesty's Subjects under my Government.

**Y**OU may also rest assured, that nothing shall be wanting on my Part, to procure you what you, with so much Reason desire, concerning the Salt; it being the most sensible Pleasure to me, in any Shape, to contribute towards whatever you think may be for your Convenience or Advantage.