

To which his Excellency was pleased to make the following
A N S W E R :

Gentlemen of the Upper House of Assembly,

I Return you my hearty Thanks for your kind Address: Your Resolution to avoid as much as possible, every Occasion of Interrupting the Public Business, and Readiness to proceed to the Consideration of such Points as are of real Importance to the Welfare and Prosperity of the Province, are such Instances of your true Regard for your Country, as cannot fail of procuring you the Esteem of every sensible and impartial Man in it.

SAM. OGLE.

To his Excellency SAMUEL OGLE, Esq; Governor of
M A R Y L A N D :

The humble A D D R E S S of the House of Delegates.

May it please your Excellency,

WE his Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Liege Subjects, the Delegates of the Freemen of the Province of *Maryland*, in Assembly convened, beg leave to Return your Excellency our hearty Thanks for the kind Declarations in your Speech at the Opening of this Session. We confess ourselves at a Loss to know certainly the Motives that Induced your Excellency to the unprecedented Prorogation of the last Assembly: The Misunderstanding that then subsisted, was due to a Misapprehension of one of his Lordship's Council, in which, had a Milder Medium been used, this House would have readily undeceived the Gentleman, or that Honourable Board. And we are not forgetful of the Advances this House then made for the Dispatch of the Publick Business, by repeated Messages sent by their Honourable Members. We are now again willing and desirous to pass by the unparallel'd Treatment of this House in the Person of their Honourable Speaker, as also the manner of the then Prorogation, and that at a Time when the Representative Body of the People were in the Execution of their Duty, doing Justice to their Constituents, and Honour to the Government, by endeavouring to bring to Light Offences and Offenders against both. We are very willing to put the mildest Construction on these Proceedings, as also the subsequent Dissolution of that Assembly, to the great Charge and Trouble of his Majesty's Liege Subjects the good People of *Maryland*. We cannot pass by in Silence a Circumstance attending that Time, tho' trifling and minute in itself, by the Person, who altho' then under the Censure of the Delegates of the Freemen of *Maryland*, for having grossly Reflected on that Body in General, and some in Particular, yet immediately thereupon put into a Place of Profit and Trust in one of the Courts of Record. We humbly Hope there is some Honour and Regard due to
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