

their Country, and make them perpetual Slaves; and that they never made War upon any other Account. " If you are ignorant (says he) of their Transactions in remoter Countries, cast your Eyes upon the Neighbouring Gaul, which is reduced to a Province, deprived of its Laws and Customs; and labours under an Eternal Yoke of Arbitrary Power.

I have heard it asserted, that Maryland is a Conquered Country; which, by the By, is false; and that the Conquered, must submit, to whatever Terms, the Victor thinks fit to impose on him: Were the Case really so, The Indians, must be the Vanquish'd. and the English the Victors; and consequently, the Indians, would be liable to the Miseries, in which a Conquered People are involved: Otherwise, the Conquerors themselves, must be Losers by their Courage, and Success; which would be but a poor Reward of their Valour; However gross, and absurd, these Notions appear to be, at the very first View, to every Man of Common Sense; yet, have they been insisted on, with great Confidence, by Men, that have had more Knowledge than Honesty. But suppose even this, to be the Case, that the English, by being brave and successful, had forfeited their Native Rights, and become Slaves by their Acquisition: Yet, even that, as the Case stands, would not reduce them to the Condition, wherein some kind People wish to see them; viz. Being excluded from any Right to, or Benefit from the English Laws. For the Charter

**P. 24** of Maryland, does not only contain a Grant of the Country, with several Prerogatives to the Lord Proprietary: But also contains a Grant, to the People, of all the Rights, Privileges, Immunities, Liberties, and Franchises, of English Subjects: Which brings me to the second Thing I proposed: viz. The Right which the People of Maryland, have to the Benefit of the English Laws, by the Charter of the Province, to the Lord Proprietary: The Words whereof, pertinent to the present Purpose, are:—" And We also of our mere special Grace, injoyn, and constitute, ordain, and command, that the said Province shall be of our Allegiance; and that all, and singular, the Subjects, and liege People, of Us, our Heirs, and Successors, transported, or to be transported, into the said Province; and that the Children of them, and such as shall descend from them, there, already born, and hereafter to be born; shall be Denizens of Us, our Heirs, and Successors, of our Kingdoms of England, and Ireland; and be, in All things, Held, Treated and Esteemed, as the Liege, Faithful People, of Us, our Heirs, and