

## MARYLAND GAZETTE.

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Mr. GREEN,

As the following Epistle, among other Things, contains an Address for the Behaviour of the Province of Maryland, with Respect to the intended Expedition against Canada, in Answer to the Reflections cast upon it by a late Piece, I suppose you will not refuse it a Place in your Paper. I am your's, &c. T. A.

To Mr. THOMAS TYPE.

S I R,

WE are favour'd with a Speculation of yours in the *New York Weekly Post-Boy* of September the 8th ult. which was transcribed into the *Maryland Gazette* of October the 21st: In that Performance you have taken to pieces, and given Judgment upon, the Conduct of the different Provinces of *America*; as to that of raising Forces for the intended Expedition. I shall, with the same Unconcernedness, cursorily run over what you have said upon that Subject, and candidly give my Opinion. It is one of the distinguishing Privileges of *Englishmen*, to discourse and write freely on public Transactions; those that blame, or clandestinely thank God they dare not do it publicly, endeavour to prevent being exposed, or are Men of overbearing and imperious Dispositions, who consider the Bulk of Mankind only as so many Beasts of Burthen, whose Duty it is to submit, without asking any Questions, to whatever Load their tyrannical usurping Masters think fit to lay upon their Backs. In general then, Sir, I am pleas'd with the Design and Freedom of your Piece: You have given due Encomiums to those Northern Provinces, who were act'd upon this Occasion with a Spirit and Resolution becoming *British* Subjects; becoming that generous and exalted Zealour of Soul, which teaches its Possessors, not only to set a high Value upon Liberty for themselves, but likewise to spare Pains in transmitting it safe to their Posterity. Whoever considers the dangerous Situation the *British* Colonies in *America* are under, by being surrounded with an immense Country in the Possession of those restless and professed Enemies to all Liberty the *French*, ought to be fir'd with a noble Ardour and Ingenuity, on every Opportunity that offers, of being secured in the mischievous Attempts of such unnatural Neighbors. — A Set of scheming ambitious Slaves, who, having tamely resigned their civil Rights to an arbitrary Prince, and their religious, to an insolent assuming Priesthood; pride themselves extending the Power and Conquests of these Enslavers of both Mind and Body, these Pests of human Society, and Invaders of the most sacred Privileges of Mankind: On the other hand, your Censures are for the most part extremely just. The *Virginians*, to be sure (considering the populous and flourishing Nature of that Province), have act'd a strange Part: What a Piece it is, after so many flaming Professions of Loyalty and Public-spiritedness, not only in their Addresses, but by signed Assurances; after the signal Honour conferr'd upon their Government, by being preferr'd to a General's Command in this very

Undertaking; what a Shame it is, I say, that the Sum total of all this should amount to no more than One Hundred and Fifty Men! does this look as if they thought it a glorious Design, to reduce Canada to the Obedience of the Crown of Great Britain? Is this evidencing the Sincerity of their late Assurances, of being among the most zealous in their Sovereign's Cause? It ever the Poet's Words were applicable in any Case, they are in this;

*Quid dignum tanto feret hic promissor hiatus*

*Parturient montes, nascitur ridiculus mus.*

HOR.

You have also, Sir, done well, in exposing the mean Behaviour of the *Jesuy* Commissioners: It is too often seen, that the self-interested *Place hunter* often sculks under the Appearance of the noisy Patriot, until some lucrative Employment stops his Mouth, and discovers that all his Bawling was for himself, and not for the Public: But Men of this Stamp are not confin'd to the *Jesuits*, nor even to *American* Houses of Assembly; the *History of former Ages* informs us, that the *B—sh P—* itself has had its Share of them; tho' without Doubt the *stanch* *Virtue* of its Members, of late Years, affords but few (very few indeed!) Instances of it.

As to the Quakers, they are undoubtedly good Members of Society in a private Capacity; but a Government under a Quaker Magistracy is certainly a mere Piece of Patch-work and Inconsistency. The very same Principles rationally pursued, that persuade Men to lock Doors and bar Windows against Thieves and Robbers, or to condemn them to be hang'd for stealing and robbing, ought likewise to prevail upon them to build Forts, which are like Bars and Boits to Cities, and to attack their declar'd Enemies by whom the Community has been injured; which is exactly the same with punishing a Malefactor. And yet the Quakers avow the one, and disclaim the other, whilst they plead their Religion for both: That is, their Consciences permit them to guard against and punish *little Rogues*, who commit only Acts of Injustice and Violence upon a few Particulars; but this wise Conscience will not suffer them to act after the same Manner, with respect to the great Plunderers of Cities and Nations: What a ridiculous Hotch Potch is here? Is that great Law of Nature, *Self-Preservation*, binding in one Case, and not in another? What is this else, than setting up a Religion in direct Opposition to the plainest Principles of Reason and common Sense? I heartily wish they may not be convinced of the Absurdity in their Conduct, some time or other, to their Cost. One would imagine, the Prudence they are famed for might have directed them to resign their Interest in the Government, and avoid being concerned with it, in Time of War, when the most vigorous Measures are often necessary to be pursued, and leave it to others of less scrupulous Minds, who would very willingly take the Trouble off their Hands, for the general Safety of the Province. At this Time, when we are every Day hearing of Murders and Massacres, committed by the *French* and their emissaries, almost at our very Doors, can the wisest of the Light within Men tell whose Turn it will be next? Let me recommend to your Consideration the strong