

As soon as they bring the Bills I shall remit them to His Lordship together with a
Minute as usual of the Quantity sold & of the Price. Col^d Lloyd sent us Notice lately
that he is now prepared except with regard to some Debts which cannot be got in at
present to close his Accounts & to submit them & his Vouchers to our Examination for a
final Settlement & we have agreed to proceed on & go thro' what remains to be adjusted
the Beginning of September when Mr Dulany will return from Baltimore County where
he passes the Summer & Mr Jordan be more at leisure than at present to attend that
Business, the Books & Papers relative to his Ld's Revenue now in the hands of his
Agent will then too be removed into the Repository or Office which is now finished.
On my shewing the Gentlemen of the Council who reside here the Answer You with
His Lordships Approbation returned to the Application that Mess^{rs} Stewart & Sedgley
made for a Difent to the Quarantine Act they expressed the greatest Satisfaction &
think my Communicating those Letters to the Assembly at their next Meeting will
have a Tendency to make Them entertain grateful Sentiments & just Notions of
His Lordships Attention to the Welfare of the Province & at the same time lessen in
some Measure the Weight & Influence of Mr Ringgold who hath always been in
the Opposition for he certainly lays himself very open by his Manner of writing
about the Act several of his Allegations being contrary to Truth & his whole Letter
extremely futile. That the Distemper the Importation & spreading of which the Act is
calculated to prevent have been frequently brought into this & many other Places
in the Province & that Scores of People have been destroyed hereby the Soil Fever
first communicated by Servants from on board crowded infectious Ships is notorious
& there is the greatest reason to believe that by that Distemper communicated last
Fall to Mr Blakes Family in Queen Annes County thro a Convict imported from
Bristol the Lady herself & more than 20 Negroes died in the Space of about
two Months, how absurd then was Mr Ringgolds proposed Amendment to the Title of
the Bill (which however I do not understand he ever made at least in publick) for
an Act to prevent the Depopulation of Maryland would not have been a very im-
proper Title to the Act he would have called "a Bill to prevent the Peopling of a
Young Country." May there not be a continual Influx of People into the Province
without bringing more in a Vessel than she can well contain, or have them