

and Ministeriall Officers here from the date of the Charter 1632
to the year of our Lords 1691. when their late Majesty King William and
Queen Mary were pleased to send you a Governour, of their appointments
after this Maryland continued happily Governed for 34 ye and the
respective Governours in that space receiving their Commissions and
Instructions immediately from the Crown of which I had the last
honour; But so soon as his present Sacred Majesty condescended
to restore the now Lord Proprietor (on his professing himself a Protestant)
to his Hereditary Government the papists instantly laid in their
claims, to be also restored to their former pretended Privileges
which when offered to me for my approbation by their principall
agent, was dismissed with this answer - I would oppose it to the utmost
of my power - Hence our troubles took their rise.

Upon the first Insurrection of the Rebels in great Britain ag^t
his Majestys person and Government those of the same evil disposition
here were so elated with the hopes of their imaginary success, and so
open and daring on that presumption that I was early obliged to
check and restrain their folly by a proclamation published the 14th
Feb^r 1715. to which I refer you for my reasons of so doing.

On the 10th of June following the supposed birth day of the
pretender the great Guns of this City were fired of late in the
night, these offenders were soon discovered by a reward published in a
proclamation and afterwards punished according to the tenor
soon after these transactions Mr. Charles Canoll a profane Papist
arrived from London with a Com^o of so strange a nature that
under pretence of being his Lordships Agent, it included with his
Instructions, many essential part of Government these he produced
to me wherein he had power given him to receive all the Money
raised for the support of Government and even that for purchasing
arms for the Defence of the County.

I refused indeed to comply with both those hid demands
as being expressly contrary to the laws of the Province and surely
I am excusable also in point of for so doing your Honor
have been by so servile a Compliance reduced to the Despicable
circumstance of applying to him for my bread by craving of him
that appointment their Lordships were pleased to nominate for my
maintenance and also been guilty of betraying this Country into
the hands of a man, who by Principle is an enemy to the Protestant
Constitution and this too at a time when the rebellion was
scarcely suppressed in great Britain and other insurrections
threatened to destroy it.

This person not only renewed his demand of the Money mentioned