

The Possibility you mention of the Trustees betraying the Trust reposed in them, will have very little Weight with the World, since the like supposition may, with equal Propriety, be applied to all Trusts of the kind, unless you would have us believe your Honours to be the only infallible Persons in the World, and so commit this Guardianship you speak of, to yourselves: But how convenient that might be for the People, whoever Reads your Message may easily judge.

We cannot help thinking that the denying this, looks too much like an unwillingness to have the Matter in dispute brought to light. However, we shall give you no further Trouble in it, than to tell you, the People of Maryland have Spirit enough, and we hope will find Means without this Bill to do themselves Justice.

Signed per Order, Wm. Ghiselin, Cl. Assistant to the Lo. Ho.

By the Upper House of Assembly, June 8. 1739.

Gentlemen,

IN our Message of the 31st of May, we endeavoured to satisfy you of the Reasonableness of our Refusal to Pass the Bill for raising an Annual Revenue, &c. by the same Arguments which persuaded us to that Refusal; In Answer to this, you, by a Message on the 4th Instant, very shortly tell us, that "Those Arguments served only to confirm you the more in the Justice of your Proceedings:" This Manner of Answering, without any Reason to shew the Weakness of our Arguments, we took Notice of in our Message of the 5th Instant, and there mentioned our Expectation "That you would have pointed out to us particularly what Force those Arguments had to persuade you of the Justice of your Proceeding:" To this, by your Message on Yesterday, you, with the same Conciseness as before, say, "That the Justice of your Proceedings, you hope, speaks it self;" and then you add, that "the Observation we made with regard to our Arguments against Passing the Bill for Support of Government, seemed to you too ludicrous for a Subject of so great Importance, and calculated with the rest of our Message, rather to display a piece of Wit, than to bring that Affair to an amicable Conclusion."

We must own ourselves very much at a loss, how to come to a right Understanding of any Subject, upon which we may be so unhappy as to differ from your House in Opinion, if *your* Behaviour in this Matter has been Right and Proper, and *ours* Wrong and Impertinent: For thus it shortly stands, We offer Arguments for our Opinion, you tell us, those Arguments confirm you the more in a contrary Opinion; we intimate our Expectation of being informed, how, you apprehended, those Arguments turned against us, and confirmed your own Opinion; to this you only say, "the Justice of your Proceedings speaks it self, and that our Observations are ludicrous or witty." This surely cannot be termed