

Change for the better, while we are left to ourselves, feeds himself with delusive Visions, and not with a rational well-grounded Hope.

These are the Sentiments of every considerate Man among us, and our Governor has, upon a late public Occasion, expressed his Apprehension, that unless His Majesty would be pleased to interpose, no Supplies could be expected from this Province*. Why then are we laid under the peculiar Hardship, why are we distinguished from every other Colony in *America*, in being debarred from giving our own Money for the Support of an Agent at home §? If there were any Thing exceptionable in the Bills so frequently sent to the Upper by the Lower House, for this Purpose, why did not their Honours exercise the Privilege they claim of amending them? But their constant Method, for some Years past, of treating these Bills, has been either not to send them down at

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* "As the Lower House Journal, for the Session held in *March*, 1758, contained the Arguments that had been urged by both Houses against, and in Support of, the Supply Bill you seem to allude to, I took the Liberty (being as desirous as any Gentleman among you to have the Dispute finally determined) to refer Mr. *Pitt*, who was then one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, to that Journal in particular, for a clear and full State of the Dispute which had subsisted between the two Houses; and I moreover told him, that I was afraid no Supplies for the King's Service would be granted in this Province, unless His Majesty would be pleased to have the Dispute thoroughly examined into, and finally settled." *Governor's Message to the Lower House*, March 20, 1762.

§ In the Court Calendars, for several Years back, I observe that *Calvert*, Esq; is put down under the *Maryland* Article as Agent, by whom I take for granted is meant *Cæcilius Calvert*, Esq; Uncle to the Proprietor. By whose Management, or with what View this Article is inserted, I cannot determine; but if the Design of it be, to make the World believe that this Gentleman is our Provincial Agent, it is a gross Imposition. I do hereby declare, without the least Apprehension of being contradicted, that he never was, or is at present, Agent for *Maryland*, nor have the People of this Province any other Person to represent them in that Character.