

Brents undertaking and meddling with your Lordships Estate Liber M C  
here (whether she procured it with her own and others opportunity or no) we do Verily Believe and in Conscience report that it was better for the Collonys safety at that time in her hands then in any mans else in the whole Province after your Brothers death for the Soldiers would never have treated any other with that Civility and respect and though they were even ready at several times to run into mutiny yet she still pacified them till at the last things were brought to that strait that she must be admitted and declared your Lordships Attorney by an order of Court (the Copy whereof is herewith inclosed) or else all must go to ruin Again and then the second mischief had been doubtless far greater than the former so that if there hath not been any sinister use made of your Lordships Estate by her from what it was intended and ingaged for by M<sup>r</sup> Calvert before his death as we verily Believe she hath not then we conceive from that time she rather deserved favour and thanks from your Honour for her so much Concurring to the publick safety then to be justly liable to all those bitter invectives you have been pleased to Express against her

Hereupon we cannot Chuse but wonder why your Lordship p. 343  
should write so tartly against the People who all involved under the Censure of your Lordships Letter for protesting against all the Laws which which were pretended to be in force and enacted by Leo: Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> deceased our late Governor at the last Assembly held by him afore his death as for the illegality of them we shall hear briefly shew your Lordship and hereby we hope shall sufficiently vindicate ourselves from such foul perspersions laid upon us from your Lordship

That the Assembly then wherein these Laws were pretended to be enacted as afore was Called first by Captain Edward Hill who was not so accounted by us or esteemed by your Lordship according to your instrument sent hither this year for the rightfull Gov<sup>r</sup> of this Province which Assembly was continued only by M<sup>r</sup> Calvert never declaring any new summons at all to the Inhabitants of the Province for that Purpose which Ought to have been done in that Case by him But within a very short time after he had surprized all those who had Combined themselves against him and cast them in Prison proceeded to the enacting of Laws with the members as afore called by Captain Hill and under adjournment the whole house of Commons (two or three only excepted) consisted of that Rebelled Party and his Professed Enemies to them he declared that they should be free during the Assembly only the Copy of which Record is herewith inclosed also we cannot Choose but wonder how your p. 344  
Lordship could suppose it fit and necessary that those your Loyal Friends and even those who Concurred most to the necessary defence and preservation of the Province should be