

not I pray Communicate this to M<sup>r</sup> Ridgely whose business mentioned in the little letter which was inclosed in yours I am in great hopes and faire way to Effect to his Content I thank God I have found divers great friends beyond my hopes or Imagination and though I am rendered by my Lord Baltmore as black as the devill yet will not his Callumnys take place according to his desires and unworthy Clandestine dealeing but the practice and proceeding here which I wonder his Lordsp<sup>p</sup> should be Ignorant of is quite another way all open faire and Cleare which hath sufficiently unriddled his Lordsp<sup>p</sup> profound Intrigues against mee. I confess it hath cost me much money and will cost more but I would not for twice soe much have continued in ignorance of what I now know or have wanted the interest I have now gained.

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S<sup>r</sup> As to Publick news there hath been great Expectation of the Tryall of my Lord Shaftsbury who was Indicted for Treason upon a parcell of Lousy Irish Evidence but the grand Iury Consisting of most Eminent Cittycants would not give Credit to the witnesses but brought the Bill in Ignoramus This hath quite altered the Comon talk and Crye in the towne A part is Expected very shortly Strict Charge is given by his Majestie to the Iustices Concerning the Laws and Proclamations against Papists Tobacco is most damnable Low both here and in holland M<sup>r</sup> Ridgely had 12 hhds which I kept for the better but it proved for the worst Markett and would Even hardly Cleare itselfe

S<sup>r</sup> If there be anything wherein I can serve you here you may be assured that No man Liveing shall be more Ready and Reall then

S<sup>r</sup> your most affectionate friend  
and most humble Servant

Chr Rousby

My very humble Service to yo<sup>r</sup> Lady and to all good friends, I pray desire M<sup>r</sup> Howard to procure and Send mee if possible a Cock and an henn of the wild Turky breed and gett some master of a shipp to take Charge of them what ever he shall be out of purse I will willingly Repay and take it as a very great kindness

To the Hono<sup>ble</sup> Coll William Steevens  
at his house at Pocomoke In  
Maryland

p Capt Thomas Smith  
Q. D: C:

A Copy of a Letter from Christopher Rousby to Coll W<sup>m</sup>