

a favourable Determination & indeed they are of Opinion that such a Measure is the only one to bring the Lower House to Reason, that you may be able to shew what kind of Bill that other is with w<sup>ch</sup> the Lower House think they ought to have been gratified I send you a Copy of that which was offered by them this Session to the Gentlemen of the Upper House similar in every respect to those which have been offered in former Sessions & by those Gent<sup>n</sup> as often rejected. By it you will see that the Sum of three or four hundred pounds is to be raised annually on the Inhabitants of this Province as well on the Governor & Members of the Upper House as on others to be at the sole Disposal of the Lower House of Assembly in order that they may therewith harrass the Lord Proprietary & put him to a great Expence by Vindicating his Conduct from any unjust Aspersion which may be thrown on him, & that they may have wherewith to reward such persons either in England or in the Province as shall by their proceedings recommend themselves to the favour of a Majority in that House, a Majority at this time consisting of only a very few more than half the Members. I am &c

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Sir

I have short opportunity of acknowledging y<sup>rs</sup> the 28<sup>th</sup> of Jan<sup>y</sup> with yours to his Lord<sup>p</sup> delivered he is extreamly well pleased with y<sup>r</sup> conduct & Acc<sup>t</sup> in proclam<sup>s</sup> his present Majesty's succession to his Realms, in the Province of Maryland; as well as y<sup>r</sup> compliance to the Lords of his Majesty's privy Council, their Let<sup>r</sup> con<sup>s</sup> to him with the Form of proclamation &c<sup>a</sup> his Lord<sup>p</sup> hopes no

present the king. With regard to M<sup>r</sup> Pownall Sec<sup>y</sup> of the Board of Trade & Plantation, y<sup>r</sup> transmission of the Printed Copies of the Acts of Assembly, his Lord<sup>p</sup> thinks the reluctance the Lo: H. has ag<sup>t</sup> the expence to be provided for by Act of Assembly is highly unreasonable & injurious to the public Utility, of real importance in Justice due to all Persons in the province as well as in Case of Appeal to his Majesty in Council or to the Lord<sup>s</sup> Com<sup>is</sup>sioners of his Majestys Board of Trade, That so useful & beneficial advantage may no longer be detrimental & as encouragem<sup>t</sup>

Mr. Bacon for compiling the provincial Acts of Assembly now in force, w<sup>ch</sup> by y<sup>r</sup> Advise he has collected & compared with the Records, in consideration thereof & as a Subsidiary Aid to the Press for Printing & binding them complete, inclu-