

Sessions to Both Houses of Assembly & by y^r messuages con^s framing a New Inspection Law wherein you observed to them "that you could not with prudence & obedience you owed to his Majesty & the Lord Proprietary give y^r Assent to a New Bill w^h should rate the species of Coin mentioned in the Statute of the sixth of Queen Ann, higher than they had been rated by that statute as a Currency, because such Regulation had been deemed in England to be repugnant to the said Statute." tho this sound Doctrine, yet the Lo. H. Q^{red} y^r Instructions? desired to see (their Sophistry) hoping on sight to view something else, at least as might produce wrangle. y^r ans^w Judicious keeping them to the Participle contained in y^r speech on that matter of the staple of the Province. alike is y^r just Doctrine "to provide for defficiencies w^h may have arisen from the Long continuance of the War & other incidents viz. the claims of the Militia in actual Service & of other Persons on the Public" By Law they are Bound to ans^w, if refused to men who have ventured their Lives for their protection, the Law ought to take place p^r force, alike ag^t the cruel devastations of the Savages; shall a handfull of People comparatively speaking of a Large Body of People & by that Body entrusted as their representatives to Protect them, w^h by Laws Divine & humane they ought to exert & see well perform'd, is it almost to be conceived that men so intrusted shall hear of their Neighbours cruelly Butchered & deny their aid to protect & defend; because of Squable bro^t by the ambition & Self Interest of a few Leaders, who strive only to make use of others by deciet to be their step Ladders to preferm^t then I say if such be, Judgement would be justly falen upon them by the Hands of the Savages in their Senate House. I hope all cruditys may be bro^t to safe consistence. y^r Labour & conduct in all affairs highly Hon^{ble} & just, the Harmony you have recom^ded & the proceedings of the Up^r H. very meritorious. And further con^s y^r Behaviour, June the 20th I wrote you, not rec^s any ans^w I deem that Let^r not rec^d. It was of & concern^s a personal Audience His Majesty was graciously pleased to Admit me alone with him ab^t an Hour. Inter Al. he spoke of Maryland, "Ask'd if the Province was Quiet? I reply'd yes, says he quite Quiet? I ans^w so please you Sir, save such Persons as are in all Governments of Discontented minds, mischeivous & too often thro self Intrest & Ambition. he smild s^d "of that I know." he ask'd How the Gov^r pleased? I reply'd very well. He then said "What is your opinion of him? I reply'd That of a Person Brave & resolute & of real Honesty & in the Due execution & Administration of Govern^t very adroit, all Deserving. (I also took the Liberty to refer him of y^r character military to his Highness the Duke