

from you; other Corespondents & Merch^{ts} here say it was a Warm meeting. Men here, as ab^t you are mischeivous & fresh Ministers are very inquisitive. British America is under Embarasement, Quiet Disposition her only Cure. Brag's a Good Dog, But holdfast's a Better. Especially the English Lyon. Inclosed are to Let^{rs} from his Lord^p to you. March the 30th

April 3^d upon closing & delivery to Cap^t Love have y^{rs} Dec^r 28th & wherein you acknowledge y^r rec^d of my last Let^{rs} wrote you to Sept^r I shall not take much time in answ^r to y^{rs} my answ^r being almost remarked as to suit the contents of y^r Let^r now rec^d with regard to the Lo. H-s's Conduct & Spirit, the same perverseness by you & by others I hear continues. The Fortitude join'd to y^r resolutions, that you could not pass the Tobacco Inspection Law unless they complied to submit to their Superiors Directions joined with Interest pecuniary Respecting & touching the whole Public & Staple temporized them to yeild consent, yet their compliance fail'd you (contrary to Law) to yeild just consent to y^r requisitions for paym^t of the Malitia, you had with Hon^{ble} Care & the Malitia done for the security of their Lives & fortunes, in short they reject all that can redoun to the Proprietor & his Administration, slur his rights & attempt ag^t Rule to Lurch his Honour & rights, is the attempt better, lately by Bill than requiring his concessions to their rights and casting his Alienation Fine as a stray. As to M^r Dulany's say, "that for his part he had no Idea of a right with^t a Remedy & that he could not see how his Lordship could support any claim of pretensions to such an Emolum^{um}" id est the Ordinary Lycences such Denotation & he may denote it publicly as a Mark of his Popularity to the unthinking & by plausibility gain esteem. As to pretentions Vide 1664. 1674 & vide Acts of Assembly in 1717 (23 & 26) before cited, allow'd his right enjoyed & rec^d shall or can or is it just, reasonable, that his Lord^{ps} Benevolence to his Province in time of Danger, be a Bar to his claim of right acknowledged on Record, & shall any Power, can they constitutionally do it, to take his Lord^{ps} Property given with Generosity & a sufficient tract of Land whereon the House Governor's & Proprietors House stands by their request, yeilded to & given & not finished by them from contumely, have they any Plea to shittlecock his Lord^{ps} Property when or How they Please? feign Charity, a school Academy, an unnessary expence during the Infancy of the Colony, before Ignorance in Gen^l by foundations to improve by Grammar & comon Arithmetick; And this their claims with Effrontry with^t any Remonstrance to yeild his compliance their Lord Paramount, send to him for his right, subscribe to it, ad Libitum