

Letter Bk. IV which do not relate to what has been really transacted here but seem entirely calculated to induce a Belief that the Maryland Constitution was originally & still continues more imperfect & less favourable to Liberty than the political Constitutions of the other Colonies & I conceive you or any other Gentleman in London well acquainted with American Affairs could answer such queries as readily & properly as any of us can do who are on the Spot nevertheless I will in a seperate sheet herewith transmitted communicate to you what on a perusal of the queries occurred to me by way of answer to them. As I am of opinion that it would serve no good purpose to enter the Lists with an anonymous Scribler who would by that means have an Opportunity of throwing Dirt I am glad you let the queries pass unnoticed & declined making an Appeal to the Tribunal the Author of them was for setting up: Should His Majesty's Ministers or the Legislature of Great Britain think fit to make any particular Enquiry concerning the Management of Affairs in this Province I flatter myself the Information I have from time to time given you by Letter together with the Journals of the Assembly's Proceedings will abundantly supply Materials for the Justification of the Lord Proprietary & those who are employed here under him in the Administration of Government. I perceive by the publick Papers & Extract you were pleased to send me that the political Writers who have for some time past been continually publishing very licentious Pieces are at length likely to meet with a severe Check. It is with pleasure I inform you that every thing remains quiet here, but the two inclosed Pamphlets will shew you that the Case has been much otherwise in a neighboring Government, where the people I think seem to have rather too great a share of the executive power. I likewise send you inclosed an Account that was lately presented to me by one M^r Travers of Dorchester County who as you will observe has a Claim on His Lordship for Services done by him at the time the Line was run from Fenwix's Island, as the Claimant is a Person of Character I cannot doubt the Accounts being just but I told him I could not without particular Instructions from home order payment to be made him. The Acts of Assembly that were made at the late Session being now published I shall transmit Copies of them by one Captain Dawson who will I am told sail from Potowmack for London in about Ten Days. Inclosed I remit you Bills of Exchange for the Sum of £124 19 9 being down to the 10th of last Month & am with the greatest Respect & Regard S^r Y^r obliged & most obed^t Serv^t