

Potuxent to acknowledge my Receipt of the long Letter you were pleased to write to me Dated at the Top of the first Side February the 29th & at the Bottom of the last April 3^d 1764 also of two Letters which His Ldp did me the honour to write to me from Pera in December & January last, & of your several Favours bearing Date the 10th 14th & 28th of April besides a Letter of Doctor Wilsons to you concerning Mr Bacon (to whom I will write) & a Cover inclosing sundry Letters which had been transmitted to you from time to time by one James Richard of Baltimore County whose Character since you are again pleased to enquire after him I shall now give you at large; He is I think by Birth a Frenchman & came into the Province during Governor Bladen's Administration in the Capacity of a Factor for one of the Jansen's whose Business he transacted in such a manner as that his Employer suffered considerable Loss & then declined the Trade altogether; Richard afterwards engaged in Schemes for himself & purchased some Land near Baltimore Town on which he at present resides, being of a vexatious turbulent Temper as well as of bad Principles he was almost constantly engaged in Law Suits & has I think been more than once by that means brought to a Jail; he is till known very plausible but so addicted to Lying that he soon discovers the Cheat himself or if he does not must be found out & convicted of Falsehood as soon as one calls on him for Proof; Having often behaved in such a manner as made it the Duty of the neighbouring Justices to issue their Warrants against him & at times to bind him over to his good Behaviour he has as it were declared open War with the most active of them, sometimes spreading false Stories concerning them at other times libelling or putting up anonymous Sarcastical Advertisements which thinking him beneath their Notice they have perhaps too often overlook't. As I perceive the Man insinuates that he is of some Consequence in his County I cannot help observing to you that I am fully persuaded his appearance on the behalf of any one at an Election so bad is his Character would be doing such person a Disservice. It is now some years since he first took the Liberty to write to me in pretty much the same stile he has since wrote to yourself pretending he could shew me that some Officers had misbehaved both towards the Lord Proprietary & towards the people & that he could communicate to me something which might conduce to His Ldp's Interest whereupon I countenanced him so far as to invite him to my House & ask him to dine with me, but tho he spoke of many things he could not undertake to prove any. That Col^o Lloyd & I did sometime ago supersede two of the Mannour Stewards is true but we did not take the Step