

born in Maryland was mentioned as what ought to have been an insuperable Objection to his Promotion, & then as he had no Family Connections in the Country nor large Estate here it was insinuated that he had no Inducement to consult or promote the welfare & Prosperity of the Province. Having thus given some of their Dependants their Lesson they expected no doubt that the Multitude would by such means be easily brought implicitly to condemn the Step I had taken & tho they found themselves much disappointed they answered it seems for the whole People, says Buckingham in Richard the Third

“Some Followers of mine own
“At lower End o’ th’ Hall hurld up their Caps
“And some ten Voices cry’d God save King Richard!
“And thus I took the Vantage of those few;
“Thanks gentle Citizens & Friends quoth I
“This general applause & chearful Shout
“Argues your Wisdom & your Love to Richard.”

I have in former Letters given you at large my Reasons (which you will not I hope forget) why I was extremely desirous to have another Inhabitant of Annapolis besides M^r Tasker, M^r Dulany & M^r Bordley a Member of the Council & why I was more solicitous to have M^r Ridout there than any one else, I shall not therefore now repeat them but only say that what hath since pass’t here confirms me in my Opinion of the Propriety of that measure. Who pray are said to be those Persons of Rank Fortune & superiour Capacity whose long Course of important Services have gone unrewarded, if there are any either in or out of the Council who have devoted so much time to the Business of His Ldp & his Govern^t as M^r Ridout hath already done who are better acquainted with the Constitution or political History of the Province & have so much Inclination to serve His Ldp, the Letter Writer would have done well to point Them out & then His Ldp & Yourself would have been able to judge of their Merit. “To shew how obnoxious M^r Ridout is there would it seems according to this Gentleman’s Account have been an Address against him last Session if I had not very abruptly prorogued the Assembly” A new Mode of Demonstration this to appeal to what did not happen & indeed can now never come to pass. Was the ingenious Writer to be asked what part of M^r Ridout’s Conduct was to have been the Subject of such Address I wonder what answer he would give to the question, for if they could have laid to his Charge any Transaction which he would wish to conceal, wherefore did they not insert his Name in the Address that was presented against M^r Darnall & others, I am sure they took time