

observe name Things not according to Truth but call Right & Wrong according to their Passions & being unhappy & discontented themselves seem to be sworn Enemies to the Peace & quiet of others, I will proceed to answer such other Parts of your Letter as you may expect some Reply to. It gives you may be assured the Gentlemen of the Council & myself much pleasure to know that our Address to His Majesty on his Accession to the Throne of Great Britain was so graciously received. We have taken this Opportunity to make our Acknowledgments to His Ldp for presenting it, & to beg the favour of him to present to the King & his Royal Consort our humble Addresses of Congratulation on the happy Event of their Majesty's Nuptials. I am obliged to you for waving M^r Plater's Request, tho as I think him a young Gentleman of a good Disposition & have really a Regard for him I shall be glad if an Opportunity offers to oblige him. With respect to old M^r Key I profess there are very few Gentlemen in the Province for whom I have so great a Regard. You may remember that I many Years ago mentioned him as a Gentleman worthy of a Seat at the Council & should be much pleased if when another Vacancy happens His Ldp will fill it with that Gentleman. I think you intimated to me some time ago that His Ldp would have no Objection to my appointing his Son when he shall return hither from the Temple Attorney General. As to the Tilghman Family those of them who have been in the Lower House have acted such a Part since the Dismission of the late Rent Roll Keeper that it would be very ill policy in my opinion to court them, that their ill Behaviour hath been in some measure owing to the Suggestions of some who were afraid lest that Family should recommend themselves to the Govern^t & become Competitors with them I am much inclined to believe, but whatever their Motive was, since they have thought fit to distinguish themselves in the Opposition, Let them meet with the Reward due to such a mode of Proceeding, & let others by that Family's living undistinguished be made sensible that opposition is no longer to be the Road to Preferment. I observe what you say in answer to my Remarks on the Scheme proposed last Session in the Lower House for establishing a College here & shall not fail to pay due Regard to His Ldp's pleasure by you so often signified on the Subject of Ordinary Lycences in case their Scheme should be again brought on the Carpet. I received both the Theodolite & Tripod also M^r Robinson's Answers to the Pennsylvania Gentleman's queries which serve to confirm me in the Suspicions I entertained when I told you I believed they would be for running an Arch of a Great Circle instead of a