

& good Government will soon revive. What has passed was the Common Cause of all, but, whilst Society shall be Preferable to a State of nature, and Liberty & Property to anarchy & Confusion, those will ever be bad Politicians, who shall think of Supporting a worse cause by the aid of the Multitude; who, like the Great enemy of Mankind, are easier raised than Laid, & for want of other work may soon turn upon their Employers. But, thank Heaven, no mischief has ensued, & the Experiment has only served to do still greater honor to those, who, like the Senators of Antient Rome, were ready to receive the Barbarians w<sup>th</sup> so good a Countenance

The Repeal of the Stamp Act is a most happy Event, rendred more particularly so by the unparalleled example of British Moderation. Had Government here suffered itself to be Provoked & proceeded Vindictively, with as little Temper as those who have now prevailed, (say from the goodness of their cause, for they were certainly bad Sollicitors) I shudder to think what might have been the consequences. But no Acts of Oblivion are now wanting, the Printers have nothing to apprehend for their past Performances, and the Justices of Frederick County may lye down with their Clerk in Security. The present Turn Inclines not only to Forget & Forgive, but to Challenge a Reconciliation & future harmony; Let not then the Colonies baulk so good a Disposition, but meet at least half way; Let them not Exult & Triumph, as upon a Victory gained over the Mother Country; but as was said in one of the Houses of Parliament, Let the past, like the Falling out of Lovers, Prove only the renewal of Love; & above all, May that unruly Spirit, w<sup>ch</sup> has gone forth, be hushed in Peace, & never more opposed to the Calmer Voice of reason; For, as was likewise said upon the same occasion, "Non per Seditioem & Turbas, Desideria ad Cæsarem Deferenda"

His Lordship, in Perusing the Journal as far as it has been transmitted, observes there is an omission of the names of the Members, the places where Elected, and how they voted, Indeed the Clerk mentions its being returned Incomplete for want of time, but when it is perfected, his Lordship desires care may be taken to Supply these Omissions in the usual manner.

His Lordship, ever attentive to the Interests of his people, has Conceived that Copper Coinage may be of use in Promoting a Circulation of Specie. If your Excellency should be of the same opinion, & should find it agreeable to the Province, His Lordship is very willing to undertake, with any advantage to himself the Coining a proper quantity of Copper, Equivalent to the English Standard, to answer a requisite Currency; Or, If it will be more agreeable to you to have the Coinage at