

Letter Bk. IV a Pretence for their postponing all farther Proceedings at least till the next Session. As soon as I had perused the Copies of M^r Brerewoods Bill in Chancery against your Ldp & your Ldps & M^r Calverts joint answer thereto, I put them into M^r Dulanys hands in order that he might consider them before they were delivered to the Attorney General as I had before desired M^r Dulany to assist the latter in defending the Action brought against your Ldp by Order of M^r Brerewood for the Land in Baltimore County that has been commonly distinguish't by the Name of My Lady's Mannour. The Trial in the Provincial Court is I understand to come on next October when M^r Dulany & the Attorney General think the Plaintiff must be non-suited. As to the Report which your Ldp speaking of M^r Brerewoods Claim takes occasion to mention I know nothing of it, nor do I apprehend it would easily gain Credit. It is indeed surprizing to hear what stories are sometimes circulated here not only respecting Persons & Transactions at a Distance but also about Persons on the Spot by whom such Stories may easily be disproved & confuted, & I am sorry I must at this time trouble your Ldp concerning One which I thought myself obliged to take some Notice of. It seems when M^r Jordan was sometime ago at Col^o Barnes's in S^t Mary's County one Allen Thomas who was there took occasion to say that he had some years ago heard the present Attorney General speak of your Ldp in the most disrespectful Terms before a Publick Company in order as M^r Jordan apprehended to court popularity. M^r Jordan having upon his Return hither communicated to me what he had heard I thought it incumbent on me to advise M^r Goldsborough the Attorney General thereof who thereupon wrote me a Letter expressing the greatest Surprize & Concern that such a malicious Story should have been propagated at the same time denying in the most positive & solemn manner that he had ever spoke of your Ldp otherwise than in the most respectful manner & defying any Person to produce a single Instance of his ever behaving otherwise than as a Warm Advocate for your Ldps Government, upon my Receipt of such Letter I shew'd it to M^r Jordan who one Day during the Races here last Month brought M^r Thomas to my House in order to repeat what he had said to him, whereupon I desired him to commit it to Writing when he persevered in what he had before asserted to M^r Jordan excepting that he now said the Declaration he alluded to had been made by M^r Goldsborough a few Weeks after he returned hither from the Temple which was I think about the year 1761 not in a publick place but at his Fathers House, no Person being present except his Father the Commissary General, one M^r Tho^s Goldsborough a first Cousin,