

he the said Allen Thomas & M^r Robert Goldsborough the present Attorney General. M^r Goldsborough coming over about that time to the Provincial Court I sent him the Paper M^r Thomas had given me whereupon he paid me a Visit again denied every Tittle & Circumstance & gave many more Reasons than were necessary to convince me that the whole was a Malicious Falshood. In order that M^r Jordan might also be satisfied I desired the favour of him to step over to my House & I apprehend that what M^r Goldsborough repeated in his Presence removed any Doubts he might have before entertained. His asserting at first to M^r Jordan that he had heard M^r Goldsborough make the Declaration in a publick Company with a View as he intimated of gaining Popularity & his Alledging afterwards when he was called upon for proof that the Declaration had been made not in publick but at M^r Charles Goldsboroughs Table when he the Informant was the only Person present except the Father & a near Relation of the Attorney Generals was alone sufficient to discredit his Testimony, but when it is considered that the only Persons who are said to have been present beside himself positively aver they never heard the Attorney General make any such Declaration as Thomas had mentioned, that during the many years which have elapsed since the time referred to No Hint thereof had ever been dropt by Thomas till last Winter altho M^r Goldsborough had at more Elections than one opposed M^r Thomas's Father who had been a Candidate & by way of recommending himself to the populace had called himself the Wilkes of Maryland, that when the Story was told, it was told in a part of the Province very distant from the Place of M^r Goldsboroughs Residence & as I before observed not till about six years after it was said to have happened, when it is also considered that the Attorney General hath always supported the Character of a Man of Honour & Veracity, is known to be remarkably prudent & cautious, has always shewn as little fondness for Popularity as any Person in the Province, while the Informant hath ever since he arrived to the State of Manhood appeared in quite a different light, a Tool to those who have given the greatest Opposition to the Government, One ever ready to propogate any Lye against your Ldp myself or the Upper House for he has at times made free with All of us, what Weight can his Assertion have unsupported by any other Testimony & contradictory in itself. I might add too that when upon being asked by M^r Holliday what could induce him after so many years Silence to give such Information to M^r Jordan he said that he had before mentioned it to Col^o Barnes & that Col^o Barnes had started the Subject, whereupon Col^o Barnes having heard as much