

hardship with<sup>t</sup> aggravating it, by Preferring or even putting the first Comer upon an equal footing with his Family, and therefore his Lordship much Commends the Stop put by your Excellency to the Proceeding in the Case of the Poor German, and desires you will put the finishing hand to the good work already begun, by directing the preference to be immediately given to his Heirs *Cæteris paribus*.

His Lordship's Inclinations are still the same as ever they were to favor aliens Children of every Denomination, upon the same Liberality of Principle, which so Wisely and Politically, as well as humanely, actuated the upper House, when the intended Law miscarried. I have not at present sent out any New Instruction upon this Head, as rather wishing to have it first Considered and sketched out by your Excellency. But should not the Preference to be given to the Heirs of Aliens be Conditional, on their applying within a Limited time, and upon the same terms as any Indifferent Person. As to the Caution Money his Lordship does not think himself at present sufficiently Informed to give any directions about it, But desires your Excellency will immediately give the necessary Orders in the Principal Affair, and any Temporary directions you think proper as to the Caution Money in the case of Aliens.

His Lordship by no means wishes to see an Episcopal Palace rise in America, or to have S<sup>t</sup> Peter's Chair Transferred to Maryland: But is Determined to Support his Charter Rights, by what ever Body of men attacked, and hopes no branch of the Legislature of the Province will be wanting to him or themselves in the day of Tryal, Especially to resist all Church attacks, and much approves your refusal to Convene the Body of the Clergy for that or any such purpose, But thinks you may as well suspend for the present Communicating the Business to either the Council or the Assembly, as it may possibly come under the Consideration of Government here, & If it does I am very Inclined to think the Colonys will be as unanimous as ever they were upon any former Occasion, and therefore Let these Schemers Lay what they have to Offer before the Assembly in their own Names, which may be better taken than for his Lordship to Interfere Officiously. Should you be Blessed w<sup>th</sup> a Bishop will he not want your Excellencys Perquisites arising from Marriage Licences?

M<sup>r</sup> Garth still continues quiet, and I hear no talk of an Agency Bill, or any thing else from that Quarter at present.

It gives me great pleasure to find the Papers for suffering the Recovery are Safely Arrived, and that the Recovery has been since suffered; and Lord Baltimore has just given me