

the Additional satisfaction of hearing that a Progress has been made in the Sale of Ann Arundel Manor, and that he has already received part of the first fruits. His Lordship hears with no less pleasure from me, that M^r Loyds Accounts are at last ready for a final Settlement, and that the Commissioners had appointed to Proceed on them the beginning of next September, and that the Books and Papers relative to the Revenue, and late in the Agents hands, were then to be removed into the new finished Repository.

Your Excellency's observations in Support of the Quarentine Law are very opportunely arrived, and Carry Irrefragable conviction with them. It is too Evidently not the Cause of the Publick, but that of the Contractors alone, and I am persuaded their opposition will have no other Effect than to produce some further necessary regulations here against themselves. But I rather Incline to think from Conversations I have lately had with them, that they will not Proceed in it with much Vigour, Especially as I have given them to understand that Lord Baltimore thinks himself bound, in his Character of Pater Patriæ, to Maintain so Salutary a Law at his own Expence, and totis viribus, and the Gent^l seem not much pleased with the thoughts of being Led a Dance before the Lords of Trade, and Council Board, where they must Pay their Contribution to the Piper. The Merchants of London have likewise Promised me their Assistance in a Counter Petition whenever it becomes necessary. In the meantime if any amendment can be made to the Law, (for where the foundation is so good the superstructure must rise with equal advantage) or further Regulations be Offered, for the Enforcing or better Execution of the Act, His Lordship will be very happy in Concurring with the Two Houses of Assembly in so Patriotick a measure, and in maintaining it afterwards against every Attack, that his People may know their health is as dear to him, as his own.

His Lordship is much concerned to find no further Advance has been made in settling M^r Allen to his Entire Satisfaction, & in a manner sufficiently expressive of his Lordships great friendship & regard for him. By no means would his Lordship involve you or himself in any Disputes about Pluralitys, But, If M^r Allen can proceed no further in his Ecclesiastical Walk, he must Strike into some other Path, and a Civil Employment must be found for him, not Inconsistent with his Function (for abundant Precedents are to be found in the Colonies and Island, where Lay Offices have been held by Ecclesiasticks, and I think M^r Sterling a Clergyman was once Collector of the Customs in Maryland) His Lordship had Destined him to the Comissarys Office, or a part of it, as it