

I am now making to your Excellency for a full & fair Hearing will be thought to come most properly from me in the first Instance. But whether it was my Case, or the Case of any other Person, I shou'd humbly apprehend, that the Interposition of your Excellency wou'd be indispensibly necessary. It is publickly asserted, that an Officer in His Lordship's Service, who derives very considerable Emoluments from his Bounty, is so far from acting with Fidelity to his Interest, that he insults his Lordship by his Words, "defies him by his Actions and wrests the Government of the Province out of his Hands by the Fury of a Mob." Is not this, I pray your Excellency, a Matter proper for the Enquiry of those, who are the Supporters of His Lordship's Government, and the Guardians of his Prerogatives? Can such a Piece of Information be properly overlook'd, when it comes from a Person, who is under every Tie to consult & promote His Lordships Interest, and holds a Place of great Honour, Profit & Trust in his Service? Let the Event of this Enquiry be what it will it must redound to His Lordship's Interest. If the Charges can be supported, the Man, who has been thus unfaithful to His Lordship, ought to be discarded from his Service with every Mark of Disgrace. If on the other Hand, they shou'd appear to be the Effusions of a Heart, inflam'd by the most rancorous Malice, and dead to every Feeling of Truth, Honour & common Justice, his Lordship will have the best Grounds for judging of the real character of a Man, whom he has honour'd with his Confidence & Favour, and will be able to make a fair Estimate of the Merit of his past as well as future Representations.

The End of this Address to your Excellency is, that an Examination may be had into this Affair before your Excellency & His Lordship's Council, and that the Rev^d M^r Bennett Allen, his Lordship's Agent, may have timely Notice of the meeting, that he may come prepar'd with all his Evidence to support the Allegations, contained in his printed Paper, above-mention'd

I shall trouble your Excellency no further at present than to deny in the most Solemn Manner, that I had any Hand in writing, advising or publishing directly or indirectly the Piece, inserted in the Maryland Gazette signed A Parishioner of All Saints. I further declare that I know not who is the Author of it, and that the reputed Author is to me an entire Stranger. As this makes one of M^r Allen's Charges, I just mention it, that he may come prepar'd with Proofs on that Head also.

I beg your Excellency's Pardon for the Trouble of this long Letter, and am

Sir

Y^r Excellency's mo : obed^t
& very hble Serv^t
Walter Dulany

Sep^r 26th 1768.