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Journal. Gent I receive Satisfaction in your Donation more particularly it being a Confirmation of your good opinion of me and am not wthout hopes but this will turne to a good Acc^t of the province as well as the rest of what you have done this Sessions of Assembly for which I will Endeavour your Acknowledgements shall be returned with Interest in saving the Country Treble what you now have favoured me with if you will give your selves the trouble to look into your acc^{ts} you will find little Charge has Accrewed to the Country since my arrivall by frequent Meetings and I designe to Continue it soe I shall always be Iust to what I have Severall times since the meeting of this Assembly Given under my hand of my particular regard to the Good of this province and if the respects you have Aimed me be any oppression or difficulty to the Country I would by no means have you straine your Generosity beyond your abilitys and the more because you seemed to be Concerned for want of a Better fund

Gent This leads me to acquaint you that my usage in this place I mean att Annapolis has not been with the respect of a Common Constable in England besides the slender Conveniency's of life are not to be had butt att much dearer rates then Elsewhere If I were not very Sencible I Could serve his Maty as well in other parts of this province as here my resolutions should be to Continue though with the greatest Difficulty I never was yet in the meanest of his Matys Governm^{ts} abroad
p. 92 but there is a house allways provided for his Governour and other necessarys are not to be had here but upon such Extravagant terms as you are all sencible of. And if you Advise my Stay here I hope You will in some measure Support it, I am farr from being unreasonable in my Expectations and what ever Encouragem^t You shall Minute me on your Journall for my Stay here I have the Vanity to Believe will be saved to you in my Endeavours otherways.

Gent I mett you with a great deal of Satisfaction and I hope we shall allways part soe whenever it pleases God we shall meet and as for my Selfe I shall ever remember the Reciprocall promises we Engaged on both Sides under our hands for I am Gent

Your humble Serv^t
N Blakiston

Maj^r Walter Smith and three more of the Members of the house of Delegates brought

A Bill appointing persons to treat with workmen for building a Church att Annapolis, will pass with Amendm^t