

declare that this province was favourably created by King P. R. O. Charles the 1<sup>st</sup> as an Asylum for them, which indeede it might be could they be contented, and not continually give Occasion of Scandall and Offence to the Government by the illegall practices of their priests and the Vain Malicious lyes they dayly invent, and disperse, to lessen the Glory of her Ma<sup>ty</sup>s, and her Confederates happy Successes.

The Second (which I have heretofore layd before your hon<sup>ble</sup> Board) rendring this province more unfortunate than any other of Ma<sup>ty</sup>s Plantations, by imposeing so Great an hardship on her Ma<sup>ty</sup>s free Subjects of Greate Brittain, and other her Dominions, that they shall not be capable of having or enjoying any Office or Trust in this Government untill they have resided here three full years. This discourages all ingenious men to seek their fortunes in Maryland: And in the Space of fourteen years, there are scarce fourteen men who have undergone that tedious Disability So that the Natives who are ignorant, and raw in busieness, and naturally proude, and obstinate, are not only the Representatives in Assembly, but the Iustices of the County Courts: and by the name of Country borne, distinguish themselves from the rest of her Ma<sup>ty</sup>s Subjects, and run into great heats and divisions, which may be of ill Consequence; for as they know little of the laws and good Manners they practice less.

Thirdly many of the County Court Iustices for many years last past, having been on return'd as Delegates to the Generall Assembly, on all Occasions have sought to corroborate and establish their Iurisdiction, by severall Acts of Assembly made of late Years, that they allmost believe themselves independent of the Queens Governour, and were I to change them for others, there is so little Choice, the remedie might be worse than the disease. These Iustices especially if they are dealers, which everybody here are, that have anything before-hand, not only countenance their Customers, but too often favour One the Other, and would have all things under their Iurisdiction and Administration, tho' they are never so meanly qualified for the Trust; And therefore though with their tongues, when Seperate, they applaude the new Institution of the Itinerant Iustices; yet when any of them are in the House of Delegates, they leave no Stone unturn'd to render it precarious, and abortive by refusing the Settlement of a competent Salary, to enable the four Provinciall Iustices to performe their Duty, and by severall other crafty Evasions looking upon their Honour and Grandeur to be highly eclipsed & impaired by the Provinciall Iustices comeing to hold the Assizes, and before the Appearance of their full Countys, giving handsome, and regular Charges to the Grand Iurys of Inquest, thereby