

there is a promising aspect his Lordship will prove a Growing Lib. R. U. blessing to Maryland.

As to my part when I was honoured with a more Immediate Comission under the Crowne I made it my Carefull study to preserve and Improve the true Interest of this Province both before and Since my arrivall here, and whilst I am soe happy to remain in this Station shall faithfully pursue to Continue that good End, and Solemnly promise you that I will act in my Sphere (as far as my power Extends) Impartially between the Lord Proprietary and this People, and as it is not Expected on his Lordship's part (which is far from my Inclination) that I should pay my Court to him att your Expence soe on the other Side, for gaining of Popular applause or any other motive whatever will I betray that great Trust of Government reposed in me—And Soe long as the Laws are my rule and Guide to Govern and my Conscience the Judge of Equity and the Publick both by their Duty and Interest will Support me in my Authority.

Gentlemen of the Lower House—You will readily observe the necessity of having your Laws run in the Stile of the Lord Proprietary as they formerly did when the Government was Administred by his noble Ancestors—the manner and Method of doeing this by the most easy and Effectuall means is recomended to your Consideration—always with regard to make the Charge as light as possible to the people for I am soe Sensible of the Burden of Long and frequent Assembly's that I am willing to Ease them on my part as to the Charge of the Seales on this occasion

The Experience I have gained Since I have resided amongst you has taught me how difficult nay almost Impossible it is for you to Comply with your Rents in money Sterling according to the Tenure of your Grants from the Lord Propriary—from the sense of these hardships you were likely to labour under I have in order to your Reliefe laid the Case before his Lordship's Guardian and himselfe, and their Lordships out of their Tender Consideracōn of your Circumstances have Instructed me to pass an Act (which I may well terme in your favour) if for your whole Rents a Condescention I have never heard was made you before this time

The methods which their Lordships have prescribed me being too Copious to be mencōned here, I shall send downe to your house for your perusall.

I am not Ignorant It is the Interest of some particular wealthy Gents to pay their Rents in money. The Lord Proprietary would be well pleased the Interest was Generall in this Province as it is much the Greater number and Conse-