

the Sheriff of Dorchester County My Lord desires you'l Note Him for Fraud & unworthy of Future service und: him, if this be so. I am at a Loss How to Judge M^r Lloyd, think he is not as I have reason to wish him with My Lord & right to you. He seems of a fretting Discontent, shadow of Lowe trifling Ingenuity. I know not who he likes, he likes not M^r Tasker, M^r Dulany nor M^r Bordley, he consults I understand with M^r Chamberlaine, of whom I am inform'd is not the best, wavering, prehaps it may be to his Age. Reflection wo^d confine his Duty & friendship to My Lord in Gratitude, he has been Honoured & Rewarded well by Both Lords—his services I know none. His runing the Temporary Line be^t Pensilvania & Maryland has no Merit 'tis greatly to the Disadvantage of Maryland—he is short of attendance at Assembly Meeting, it wo^d be better he resign'd his Seat in the Council to one more Suitable Excuse my touching the Station only with My Lord & you; it wo^d give me much Concern to hear a Division in the Council Old & new Members.

I have y^r Duplicate of the 27th of Aug^t from ffort Frederick y^r prevalence on Gen^l Forbes to advance Money for paym^t of the Maryland fforces on the Credit of the Province is an Instance of real Service.

My Lord approves of y^r Questions, propounded to the Council whether they thought the Lower House wo^d recede from the Points they insist'd on & agree to raise Money by any other Mode than that w^h they had proposed.

2^{dly} Whether they would or wo^d not Advice a Dissolution? To w^h they were unanimously of Opinion that the Gentelⁿ of the Lo. House, wo^d never be brought to offer any other Bill than that w^h they had lately done therefore advised a Dissolution. The Controversial Matter on the Modus By Bill for raising the Money is the Mimick of the Pensilvania Assembly refused by the Proprietors of that Colony, & not as yet here, nor can I Learn from the Opponents when or How they will proceed by Compl^t The Copyes of the Maryland Bills transmitted, contain Taxes abundant of the Pensilvania System. A Tax on Officers in Office Public is in England, But not upon Officers in private Concern. With what reason can they Tax My Lord's Private Officers? inter als. the Land Office, Receiver Gen^l &c^a with the same parity Why not their Officers of Land concern &c^a the Lo. House can warrant no such Tax from a British Parliament, nor a Tax on Quit-Rent, a smal Rent of Acknowledgment payable by the Tenant of most Manours in England to the Supreme Lord of the ffee, of which right the Proprietor of