

Country ag^t the danger of the Enemy, a resistance of inseparable Duty of all Subjects annexed in Support to the Sovereign Power. The Lo. House say they are Representatives of the People, No Doubt, But at the same time they can't but know, That the King, Lords & Commons of Great Britain is the Parliament of the whole Realm, & will not suffer their Provincial People to disobey, alter or lay imposition contrary to Parliamentary Statutes, or to clip the King's Prerogative: Or that Lord Baltimore or the Power of his Royal Charter will Submit or that it is reasonable either in Law or Equity that the Upper House sho^d by attempt coincide with the Lo: House to abrogate the Proprietor's Law made & Confirm'd to the Lord Proprietors by the Representatives & the Assembly of Maryland in 1651. or that that House will coincide with any Power Contrary to the Establish'd Laws of the Realm or of provincial Right Confirm'd to the Proprietor in 1651, mention'd in this Let^r the L. H. may by proceeding ripen things to the Superior Judgm^t it will be on them the Consequence, No injustice is offer'd ag^t them. If the Mess^{rs} Penns consent to a Tax on their Quit Rents, their Drift said, is a Job to exclude other Tax more Effecting them. His Lord^{ps} Gift of ordinary Licences his Right by His Ancestor Lord Cecelius, extant in the Province in 1664 & 1673 the Lo: House in 1674 after debate thereon by a Message to the Hon^{ble} M^r Charles Calvert the then Lieu^t Govern^r his Lord^{ps} son they Allow'd the Right in him to grant Licences, & By Act of Assembly in 1717. Enacted all Ordinary Licences a £1000 & 500^l of Tobacco to the Proprietor Penalty a 1000^l Tob^s to the Public Schools &c^a & so by Acts continued till 1726. the Origin right then reassum'd to the Proprietor. His Lord^{ps} Gift of Tax on His Manors & Reserved Lands & His Gift of Barel's of Gunpowder & Ball. these Instances, his Lord^p says, he thinks he has real reason to Assert his Support to His Majesty ag^t the Enemy and in defence of his Province being Voluntarily Imposts by him Given, & of w^h he is clear off from all Charges specify'd by Act of Assembly in 1651. May all Happiness attend you & the Province.

Yrs. truly
Cecil^s Calvert

Pos^t A most Base & wicked Conspiracy has been attempt'd & Detect'd ag^t the King of Portugal's Life. The Duke D'Aviero & two Assassins with Blunderbuss's, the Duke's Missed, the others fired thro' the Kings Coach & wounded him, in the Arm this was on the 3^d of Sept^r last. Conspirators have been Execut'd on the Key Belem before