

Cannonading they silenced the Land Batteries, Landed the Troops & enter'd the City not annoyed by the Enemy, the Gov^r Inhabitants & Negroes, having retired into the Mountains, great destruction to the Houses & Goods. The Journals & proceedings of the Assembly & all the Public Papers of the Province have been before the Attor^y Gen^l deliver'd him before Christmas, the Multiplicity of his Buisness has not afforded him Leizure to his answer to My Lord relative he promises soon it shall be & that he will make Amends in his Correct Care of his particular Answer, w^h I will transmit you by the first Opportunity. My Lord has Considered on the Petition of the Mayor and Recorder &^a Presented you by the Corporation & City of Annapolis he says the Circumstance of the Case is Extraordinary, he bids Me acquaint you & that you will at proper time make known to the said Corporation, that he will support & defend the Corporation in all its Rights & Priviledges agreeable to its Royal Charter. the Attempt upon the Charter is no improper Instance, first for the Corporation to Appeal to the Proprietor with Remove of Appeal to the King & Council for Redress, it will open who are the oppressors & that infringe & violate Rights & Priviledges the proceed^s is to be Avoided if possible, if avoidance can't prevent, My Lord must support & maintain the Action of Defence & Appeal. here is a Report that the Maryl^d Assembly has Laid a Duty on Iron Bar. Persons have been with Me I told them I knew of no such Duty. I ask'd, what if then it was? they said it wo^d be great discouragm^t on the Infancy of a Public Good. I have a Petition to you from My Brother in Law Christ^r Crouse of the County of Yorkshire, on Behalf of Joseph Nicholson in Chester Town Maryland. who prays, the favour of being Appoint'd Sheriff Officer on a vacancy, if you think him sufficient. Y^r Choice of him will be gratefully Acknowledged by Y^r real H^{ble} Serv^{ts} here. My Lord desiers you'l transmit an Authentick Copy of the Law of 1651 & Poll Tax in 1661. I have try'd to prevail on My Lord to support the Charge in Case of Accident relative to Contention that may happen to the Naval Officers Con^s the Levy of the Duty on Convicts, he says he will not, That the Act & its Letter stand on its own Basis. It has been with difficulty the raising the 6 Millions & half this year for supply at 3½ p^r 6^t 3½ p^r Cen^{ts} at 85^{dist} discovers the Money Lenders next year will have advance Interest at least 4 p^r C^t Avoid all Appeals from the Province, Maryland has no favour in the Eye of the Administration. I'm told M^r Hamilton of Pensilvania is appoint'd Gov^r