

Your strengthening at the Council Board, I mistrust a Snake in the Grass, it may be of use to provide a Swish.

M^r Franklyn of Pensilvania residing here is said to be the Author of a work Intituled "the Historical Review of the Constitution & Government of Pensilvania from its Origin so far as regards the several Points of Controversy which have from time to time, arisen between the several Governors of that Province & their several Assemblies, founded on Authentic Documents" The work is rec^d here as a mix'd Treatise biassed on particular Subjects ag^t the Proprietors & the Governors of that Province. It has gained No Credit with the Superiours & I am told he has met with cool reception; However as this Work may lead him or some Author to Publish a Review of Maryland & as I am informed, he holds Politick Correspondence with the Province. I therefore Remark in Defence of the Proprietors Gov^{rs} & their Assemblies in case of Publication thereof & as these works are Anonymous inveigling with fair words to deceive the unknow^s & for the Knave to Exult. On Publication on Maryland, No answer here could be produced by reason of there being few Materials to frame an Answer. thereupon My Lord desirous to stand Justifiable ag^t Virulent Calumny & as it is as well the part of those in Administration of Government to clear off the filth of false representations, in order thereto, what think you of the Rev^d M^r Bacon? he has Capacity & acquired Abilities for the Compiling such Work in its fair Character & Nature. The Actions & the causes of Expence of the first & of all the Proprietors & of their Benevolence, Loss and charges are Extant on Record & by Acts of Assemblies Expressed, as well as the Proceedings of Assemblies are on Record in the Province; these Materials collected & Blended together will show all action of the Province in truth & Decernment of false Light. M^r Bacon's acquitting himself by facts & dates will gain him all Esteem & Service from the Proprietor & from whom he will be sure of Reward. On transmitting such a Manuscript, his Lord^p will be at the charge of Printing. To whom his Service & hopes by him of no Delay.

M^r Penn complains of particular Accounts of Violence committed on the Inhabitants of Sussex County & that process was issued in Maryland ag^t fourteen, who took up their Lands under M^r Penn many years since, & never under Lord Baltimore, this conduct if not immediately put a stop to must oblige M^r Penn to apply to the Crown for its protection, which M^r Penn hopes will be prevented & that Lord Baltimore will send the Governor positive orders for this