

The Instⁿ of the Lord Proprietor Assent to the several Acts of Assembly, you will observe, The Act, for the Relief of Creditors in England against Bankrupts who have imported Goods into the Province not accounted for that Act is not included by his Lordship among his List of Acts assented to by Him, Why? because, he is not clear in opinion, but that the Traders here may have objection as not apprised of that Act, if no objection arises, the Act as Enacted has its force, if objection is, he thinks it right Policy to reserve to himself his Assent or Dissent. I observe the Legislature deals forth Acts, Indifinite and Perpetual, very positive words; such Laws ought to be pure as Gold; by human, I fear scarce any such Laws are, therefore, much Care about such words should be as they are Periods. all Plants are improved by Pruning.

I cannot at present relate about his Lordships points to you, concerning the ordinary Licenses &c. that matter laying before M^r Yorke, esteemed the Chiefest Counsel at Law, his Eminency causes so much resort to him 'tis longer his Opinion issues, the Matter he had the beginning of Dec^r last, I expect daily his opinion, from thence his Lordship will found his Resolutions on the Subject matter of Ordinary Licences, and as no Ship is yet for the Province, I am in hopes it will be inclosed in this Packet for you.

Tis Surprise! the Lo. H. attempts upon the Proprietors rights, sans complaisance, without any remonstrance to him to offer to pass a Bill on his rights and for his signature, very familiar, to an Object of high rank and authority. I observe an Observation is mark'd "He who hath a right to any thing is intituled to a remedy to recover it, if with held, Legal right, and Legal Remedy being convertible Terms." if institutes of our Laws report right, the Common Law and the Crown Law are not two different Laws; though almost in every case the Law for the King is not Law for the Subject. The King has his Prerogative in all things that are not injurious to his Subjects, and under which head his Royal Charter hath claim and support. the Law as to Property and suites I am not Lawyer to determine, but this seems, that the side observed against has Claim, the other side cannot have any claim but by an Express Law the late Lord had 1000£ of Tobacco for Licence of Ordinary in Maryland and 500£ of Tobacco for Licences in the Country, with^t retrospect back to Cecilius Lord Baltimore, who if I am informed right, had two thousand Pound weight of Tobacco as Licences for Ordinaries, suppose the Penalties are acquiesced to as offer'd and expected.