

Lib. No. 86 thinking his Lordship conscious of so violent a proceeding, yet, I was in hopes that the mis: states of my Conduct, which rais'd a Clamour against me amongst the People, and which you seem'd so much to disapprove here, would not have been seconded by you at home. I find that not only Mess^{rs} Dulany's and the late M^r Tasker, but your Excellency *has blamed me extremely*: nay, I find you have gone farther, you have been pleased to place yourself in my circumstances, and say, that had you been M^r Allen, you would have contented yourself to have remained *some years* in the Province with a small inferior income, rather than have desired such large promotions at once; and that you think I will think so too. Here you put yourself in my place & condemn my conduct, by declaring you would have acted otherwise. Give me leave then to ask you, with great submission, if you had come into the Province with a presentation to two good Livings, as I did,

p. 84 would you have contented yourself with one paltry one? If you had had a nomination to any one of the best Places in the Province would you have contented yourself with one of small inferior value? Nominated as you were to the Government of the Province would you after that appointment have contented yourself with a Subordinate Office, nay have you not upon your dismissal rejected the offer of any inferior department? How then can you blame me for Conduct you have pursued yourself? Is it not ungenerous in you to endeavour (to endeavour) to render my Conduct suspected, because it has proved unsuccessful? was it the People or private pique & resentment that raised the Clamour against me? without which I might peaceably have enjoy'd the full emoluments of his Lordship's friendly intentions.

My moderation in the most trying circumstances has been conspicuous to all the World, and in no instance more than this, that tho' my Lord not only desires but insists upon my prosecuting all those concerned in the Riot in Frederick Town, at his Lordship's Expence, I have never made any motion towards setting such a Prosecution on foot, tho' I could easily Screen myself under possitive injunctions, and a due execution of the powers of Government.

From the late assurances I have received of the new Governor's Friendship & Esteem, I have reason to flatter myself he has imbibed no ill impressions of me yet, and I trust when he sees with his own Eyes, without prejudice or Affection, at whose Gate the blame of all this disturbance ought to lie, he will have no cause of dissatisfaction of my Conduct, or be disinclin'd to perform what it seems is recommended to him, to do all he can to accommodate me in my Wishes as soon as