

as an Essential Part of his Own: He desires to be an indulgent U. H. J.
Father to the good People of Maryland, and by no means, to ^{d. 12}
put the least Hardship on them. This his sweet Disposition
and Love of Integrity and Honour, hath endeared him to all
that have a Personal Knowledge of him

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Char: Calvert

Gentlemen. The following is one Reason why I think M^r
Bordley has endeavoured to ensnare me.

Upon my making up a Quarrel between M^r Bordley and M^r
Brown, M^r Bordley told me that M^r Brown was the Pub-
lisher of a Libel, in which not only himself, but the Council
were reflected on. And upon M^r Brown's Confession to
M^r Bordley that he did write it, and for so doing begged his
Pardon, which M^r Bordley accepted and forgave him; and at
the same Time, advised me in the Words following

“ If the Council think themselves touch'd in that Libel and
“ will not forgive M^r Brown as I have done, then your Ex^{cy} may
“ grant him a noli Prosequi.” This Council M^r Bordley gave
me, and I can't help thinking it was done to ensnare me, to
bring an Odium on me in the Eyes of the Council and conse-
quently a Slur on my Administration. For First to tell me
the Council were reflected on, and (upon their Refusal to for-
give it) then to put it upon me to Stop the Prosecution, it can
bear no other Construction

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His Honour the Governour then produc'd another Paper
signed by M^r Humphreys relating to the Same Matter the
Contents of w^{ch} are as follows Viz.

I had the Honour to be in Company at M^r Bowes's House
last Summer when his Exc^y used his Endeavours to reconcile
M^r Bordley & M^r Brown upon a personal Resentment they had
conceived against each other, when his good Offices seemed
to have effected his Intentions; for they mutually Saluted each
other and returned the Governour Thanks for his generous
Interposition and M^r Bordley particularly declar'd he forgave
M^r Brown with all his Heart, for writing a Letter which he
then own'd himself to be the Author of, in w^{ch} M^r Bordley said
he was not only himself reflected on, but Several others of the
Council likewise; & he did believe they would resent it to whom
M^r Brown replied with a protestation that he never intended
any Reflection on Any Body but himself.

And his Ex^{cy} thereupon promising to endeavour to per- p. 13
swade any Gentlemen of the Council (that should think them-