

reason to believe, he intended nothing more than our and your L. H. J. Service, thereby, and very much Condemn the Malicious reports and Insinuations of those who have Endeavoured to Disturb the minds of the good people of Maryland by Suggesting that we had sent a Private Commission to the said Thomas Brooke to take upon him the Government During the residence of our Late Lieutenant J^{no} Hart Esq^r a Method wee scorne to rule by and which has Induced us to Change our Designe of Administring the Government by the person first named in our Councill and place it as we have Done till such Time as the Affairs of Your Lord and Proprietary will allow him to reside among you himselfe, or he shall otherwise dispose thereof. When he hopes to bury those seeds of Rancour & Jealousie which have too long prevail'd among the People and so to unite their hearts and Minds, that the Misguided part of the Provinces Desenting from our blessed Establishm^t both in Church and State will Peaceably & quietly Submitt to the known Laws by his mild yet due Execution of them.

In the Mean Time tis our Peculiar good Fortune that his Majesties faithfull Subjects of the Province have Intrusted the Direction of their Application to the Care of Coll^o Nath^l Blackistone a Person so Constantly Attached to the protestant Interest and of such known and approved Loyalty to the King and Esteem with his Ministers that Wee take pleasure at his Instances to make our Power Conducive to your happiness.

Gentl of the Upper and Lower houses of Assembly.

I shall not trouble you my Self with Long Harangues but rather Chuse to let Time & my future actions demonstrate how much I desire the Peace and Prosperity of this Province and that I may demean myself so (if possible) to Answer his Majesties great Goodness in Approveing and my Lord Proprietaries bounty in Placeing of me in this Station.

And as I cannot more Effectually shew my Loyalty, to our p. 4 Sovereigne Lord King George Than in a Steady Adherence to our happy Establishment in his Illustrious Line by Encourageing and trusting in the several Offices of Government his Majesties Approved & Tryed Subjects and keeping within due bounds our unhappy Dissenters from it (which I am Determined to do) so I cannot more Sincerely shew my Duty to our Lord and Proprietary than by Zealously Recommending to your Deliberate and peacefull Consideracons the Several matters and things with w^{ch} I am Instructed, Copys whereof I shall Order forthwith to be laid before you, w^{ch} when by yo^r wise Counsills happily Accomplished must necessarily Tend to a Real Benefit and Lasting good understanding