

L. H. J. self they will avoid every Act or Appearance that may give Umbrage  
 Liber No. 48 to the Magistrates, People, or Myself, or make on us the least unfavourable Impression.  
 April 24

But to conclude this, the last Answer I hope of the Sort I shall ever be under a Necessity of making to Gentlemen, whose Representations, Opinions, and Desires, either collectively or separately, will always have their due Weight with me; I desire and hope nothing that I have been obliged to say in my own Justification, will be construed or thought Severity or Tasking. You may depend that it shall be my constant Study and Endeavour to take such Measures as will afford no Room for Reflections on my Conduct. And I most earnestly hope, that you will also proceed in such a Manner as will enable us all to justify ourselves before his Sacred Majesty, our most Gracious Sovereign, whose paternal Care we have so often and so sensibly of late experienced, and who expects and desires no more of us than what common Prudence, and the least Regard for our own Safety and Welfare should lead, nay, would compel us unasked to perform.

24.<sup>th</sup> April 1756

Hor.<sup>o</sup> Sharpe.

p. 248 There was annexed to the foregoing Message the following Deposition, viz.

Prince-George's County, ss.

The Deposition of Henry Darnall, Esq; taken this 29th Day of March, 1756, before me the Subscriber, one of his Lordship's Justices of the Peace for Prince-George's County aforesaid.

This Deponent, being sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, declares, That some short Time after a Presentment had been made, by the Grand Jury of Prince-George's County, against a certain Ruth Bevan or Ruth Blanford, the Wife of Charles Bevan Blanford, concerning some Goods, which, it was said, that she the said Ruth had taken up of M.<sup>r</sup> Samuel Roundell, by Means of a counterfeited Letter, signed with the Name of Charles Bevan, Uncle to the aforesaid Charles Bevan Blanford, as it is said, a certain Thomas Sansbury, Father to the said Ruth, applied himself to this Deponent, then Attorney-General of the Province of Maryland, and after lamenting in very pathetic Terms the Misfortunes and Disgrace that such a Prosecution might bring upon his Family, intreated and much importuned this Deponent to put a Stop to the Proceedings against his said Daughter, saying, that he had heard it was in this Deponent's Power so to do: That this Deponent assured the said Sansbury, that he wou'd or cou'd not stay the said Proceedings; but, that if he, said Sansbury, inclined so much to save the Credit of his said Daughter, he had best apply himself to M.<sup>r</sup> Roundell, and in making him the said Roundell Satisfaction for the Goods his