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to disturb the minds of My Tenants, and I suppose that if the Gentlemen of my Council of the Upper House of Assembly had not apprehended that some such inconveniency would follow, They would not have admonished on it—I much approve of the Upper House for their amendment to the Bill aforesaid. and thank them for their rectitude and strict regard to Me and to My Provincial Tenants, as a Barrier against expensive and Vexatious Litigation as might happen by Law between Me and My Tenants as aforesaid, and the only means to defeat the base aspersions levelled at my Provincial Chancellor, A Doctrine published and inculcated in my Province by Evil-minded People. That My Provincial Chancellor was not at liberty to give a Decree against Me &c and this without any shadow of cause vilely forged at me and My Chancellor. I hold the author for his false and flagitious doctrine in the utmost contempt, low as he is for his weak and wicked Effrontry in violation and against all Truth.

As to the Bill “for Quieting Possessions and enrolling Conveyances &c such a Bill I agree is right in Justice, but then Reason and the Law of Nature dictateth, Whatsoever Right any Man requireth to retain, he is to allow every other man to retain the same, the allowance admonished by the Upper House to the Bill, Id, Est, the Alienation Fine being satisfied is a right Equalia, Equalibus to me and is Proportionalibus to that right and security I am willing to assent to be retained for others by a Bill, and this I think is Distributive Justice properly termed Equity, this Justice the Upper House by their above amendment to the Bill, Allowed to retain Honour, Union and Equity between Me and My Tenants for our Common Peace and Benefit and against Loss or Ill-Will, and for this they are truly Just in their intentions, and I doubt not their continuance of such Equity on this matter and of all concerns between me and My Provincial Tenants, and I doubt not of yours and my Councils Honourable Lawful and Equitable discharge to Me and to my said Tenants according to Your Oaths under Obedience to his Majesty and on my behalf as Lord Proprietor of Maryland, and of yours and their just regard to all Persons Matters and Concerns properly of Cognition before you as my Chancellor and those of my Provincial Council. And I hope on Revivor of the said Bill the Lower House will Allow of so equal and just amendment to be incerted in such Bill or Act offer'd and expressed by the Upper House as aforesaid.

Given under my Hand and Lesser Seal at Arms at London this sixteenth day of January in the fourteenth Year of my Dominion of the said Province and in the Year of Our Lord 1765.

F. B.

By His Lordships Com̄.^d

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