

LAND MATTERS. THE EXTRAVAGANT USE OF ABBREVIATIONS SUGGESTS THAT IT MAY HAVE BEEN A COPY KEPT BY THE WRITER, AND NOT THE ORIGINAL LETTER SENT. CECILIUS WRITES OF THE ATTACK RECENTLY MADE AGAINST THE PROPRIETARY GOVERNMENT OF MARYLAND BY AN ANONYMOUS WRITER, WHO IN A SERIES OF "QUERIES", WHICH APPEARED IN THE LONDON PUBLIC LEDGER, ATTACKED NOT ONLY THE PROPRIETARY GOVERNMENT BUT ALSO CECILIUS PERSONALLY ON SUSPICION OF HIS BEING A ROMAN CATHOLIC, AND FOR POSING AS THE PROVINCIAL AGENT. THE LETTER ITSELF IS A SOMEWHAT INCOHERENT DEFENSE OF THE PROPRIETARY GOVERNMENT, ESPECIALLY OF THE UPPER HOUSE, AND AN ATTACK UPON THE LOWER HOUSE IN THE MATTER OF ITS BILL PROVIDING FOR A PROVINCIAL AGENT IN ENGLAND.]

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My Dear Lord

I have rec.^d y.^{rs} the 26th of Jan.^y the 9th Ins.^t I immediately dispatched Let.^{rs} to the Mess.^{rs} Hanbury & to Mr. Lyon for their acco.^{ts} to you desired, w.^h by this Post I transmit you & my Acco.^{ts} of paym.^{ts} made & y.^r artificers in London as well as y.^r Orders to me & to others of paym.^{ts} on y.^r acco.^{ts} by the Mess.^{rs} Hanbury my draughts on them.

Y.^r Observations on the Public writer ab.^t Maryland very just, ag.^t his abuse con.^g (concerning) the Provincial plan of Governm.^t, as near as can be & exercised (?) agreeable to our happy Constitution Both in Church & State with.^t Error upw.^{ds} a Hundred & Thirty Years by y.^r Ancestors & y.^r Lord^{ps}, by & under y.^r Royal Charter Now Question'd & Interrogated by an anonymous Sophistical Upstart, who with false Logic & Assertion & with Low Craft has attempted to slur y.^r rights & to hurt the Crown's Power thro.^h y.^r Lord.^{ps} sides of y.^r Royal Charter. As to his Sarcasm on me by false Supposition, by Error of Calendar publish'd, gives me no desquietude., I was trained in my tender years bet: 9 & 10 in a Protestant School, Defye the Pope, the Devil & the writer, who like a Rattle Snake lays Couched & has venom. I fear him not, despise him, his Rattle will discover him & I have a swish for him. I am by y.^r authority y.^r Provincial Sec.^y, I assume no character by appointm.^t from the Province as Provincial Agent, under w.^h denomination the Lib.^r writer fosters his Design ag.^t me, that I frustrate their appeal ab.^t Grievances from the Tribunal of Majesty; on the contrary, I have urged their, bring forth the complaints before the sacred Prescence. Not doubting in the least But that y.^r Lord^{ps} rectitude in all matters would well prove their false complaints & set in view their spot'd principles & minds.