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BRIEF ANSWERS TO QUERIES IN THE LONDON PUBLIC LEDGER, 1763

[THIS OLD MANUSCRIPT IN THE STATE ARCHIVES, ENTITLED "BRIEF ANSWERS TO QUERIES RELATIVE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MARYLAND THAT WERE INSERTED IN THE PUBLIC LEDGER OF THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17TH 1763", WAS OBVIOUSLY WRITTEN BY SOME REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PROPRIETARY GOVERNMENT, PROBABLY FOR, AND POSSIBLY BY, CECILIUS CALVERT, PROVINCIAL SECRETARY OF MARYLAND IN ENGLAND. THESE "BRIEF ANSWERS", WHICH OMIT THE QUESTIONS TO WHICH THEY ARE REPLIES, MAY HAVE BEEN A PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF THE ANSWERS AS THEY ARE TO BE FOUND IN THE ANONYMOUS PAMPHLET PRINTED IN 1764: *An Answer to the Queries on the Proprietary Government of Maryland etc.*, REPRODUCED IN THE APPENDIX OF THIS VOLUME (PP. 409-457). THESE "BRIEF ANSWERS" AND THE PAMPHLET "AN ANSWER" ARE MORE FULLY DISCUSSED IN THE INTRODUCTION (PP. lxx-lxxii).]

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To the 1.st The Legislature of Maryland does consist of three Branches viz.^t The Lord Proprietary (who is hereditary Governor) or his Lieutenant Governor appointed with the King's Approbation), the Upper House of Assembly, & the Lower House elected by the People.

2.^d As the Council or second Branch of the Legislature in the Provinces of New Hampshire New York, the Jersies Virginia the Carolinaes & others of His Majesty's American Governments consists of Gentlemen nominated by the King, so in Maryland (the Jurisdiction as well as Property being by his Charter vested in the Lord Proprietary) the Members of the second Branch of the Legislature are nominated by the Lord Proprietary agreeable to his Charter & to an express Act of Assembly, As in the Governments which are immediately in the Crown the Council or Members that comprise the second Branch in the Legislature are liable in case of seditious Practices or other Misbehaviour to be suspended or displaced by His Majesty which had been often done, it is presumed that they may in like manner be suspended or removed in Maryland by the Lord Proprietary & indeed there have since the first Settle-

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