

which they were given, and render them subservient only to their own private emolument?"

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Answer. In case of appeal from either the Provincial or Chancery Court, the appeal is made to a court, composed of the Governor and Council; but if the appeal is from the Provincial Court, in such case the Chancellor, who sat there as one of the judges, never makes one in the Court of Appeals. If either of the parties concerned in the cause are dissatisfied with the determination of the Court of Appeals, they have a dernier resort, and may carry the matter home by appeal or petition to the King and Council. This is an absolute security against fraud, or errors of judgment, because any sentence complained of, may, if wrong, be at any time reversed. This so essential and beneficial a part of the constitution, the Querist has thought proper not to take the least notice of. Whatever apprehension the Querist, judging of other's hearts by his own, and thereon making calculations of chances, might have entertained, lest the gentlemen in whom the Lord-proprietor has placed a confidence, should abuse the power intrusted to them, a single instance cannot be mentioned by him of any such abuse. All the quirks, false representations, and virulence of this Querist, favour much of the assistance of a lawyer, but in so rough and unpolished a manner, as is, according to M. de St. Evremond, "fit only to corrupt the mind, by accustoming men to cultivate their imaginations, rather than inform their judgment, and to seek for verisimilitude to impose upon, rather than solid reason to convince the understanding." I here end my observations on the Querist's Queries. As to the parallel I have drawn between the colonies immediately under the Crown, and the Province of Maryland, in respect to their political form of government, I derive my authority for it from the best intelligence, such as I think may be depended on. p. 26

I shall now, according to my promise in the beginning of this letter, proceed to give you my observations upon the pamphlet, entitled, "Remarks upon a Message sent by the Upper House to the Lower House of Assembly of Maryland, in 1762, containing a Vindication of the latter in their Conduct relative to a Supply Bill for his Majesty's Service, and occasionally interspersed with some curious and interesting Particulars respecting the Constitution of the said Province." p. 27

To hear an open slander is a curse,
But not to find an answer, is a worse.
Dryden's Trans. of Ovid. Met.

This pamphleteer, on entrance upon his works, says,

"The right of an individual to animadvert upon public measures, has never been controverted in a free government, but by the enemies of liberty, and patrons of corruption. I enjoy this great privilege (says a political writer) by being born in a free govern- p. 28