

statutes, without any other authority, is sufficient to give them permanent force.

Thus closes the pamphlet. At once we see that it is clearly related to the documents found in the Assembly records, and that many of the arguments found in one are common to the other. But we also notice a distinctive feature, in the emphasis laid on the broader principles of Natural Law, taken from Locke, Grotius, and Puffendorf. Of the significance of the appearance of these ideas at so early a time in the eighteenth century, we shall speak more fully in what follows. All things considered, this pamphlet may rank as of high importance, not only for its relation to the course of politics in Maryland, but because it is the only pamphlet, so far as the present writer knows, which is entirely devoted to the discussion of the extension to the colonies of the laws of England.

It is to be regretted that so little documentary evidence is extant to show what was the attitude of the people generally towards this controversy. The records of the Assembly and the Calvert Papers show us that the Lower House, for this purpose, followed Dulany's leadership; and his frequent re-elections indicate that his popularity or his influence was great. But it is not until the end of this struggle that the *Maryland Gazette* appears, with its interesting sidelights on politics, and then its career is but brief. Private letters of one sort or another have survived, but these usually deal with economic matters, and especially land or tobacco, or with personal affairs, and throw little light on general politics.

One interesting and valuable expression of opinion in the English statutes controversy, which chance has preserved, may, therefore, be given somewhat more consideration than, if materials were plentiful, it would deserve. A bound volume of manuscripts, in the possession of the Episcopal Library of Maryland, consists of the works of the Reverend John Eversfield. This was an Oxford graduate who came to the colony in 1727 and received induction into a parish in Prince George's county, Maryland, where he served as rector for