nes, and consequently not deserving the Patronage of Merchants or Mechanics.

ANNAPOLIS, *September* 22.

The General Assembly of this Province, which stood prorogued to the First Tuesday in *October*, his Excellency the Governor has been pleased further to prorogue to the Third Tuesday in *March* next.

As we have not been favoured this Week with any foreign Intelligence, we must beg Leave to fill up a Blank, with the following Piece, taken from the PENNSYLVANIA CHRONICLE, *for which we hope to stand excused, as it relates to a Controversy, which originally took Rise here, concerns only the Inhabitants of this Province, and would probably, e're this, have been buried in Oblivion, had not Calumny, and a partial Representation of Facts, been industriously propagated to our Prejudice——We had Reason to hope a different Conduct would have influenced the Author, especially, as his Sphere in Life, makes it a Duty particularly incumbent on him, to be an Example worthy Imitation——We shall only add, the most solemn Declaration, on our Parts, that, upon equal Terms with his Opponents, the* Maryland *Press always has been, and now is, at his Service.*

Philadelphia, September 9, 1768.

Mr. GODDARD,

THE *Maryland Gazette*, of the first Ult. is this Moment come to my Hand, in which is published a most virulent and abusive Piece against me—and though it gives me infinite Concern to draw my private Disputes into the Public Prints of another Province (which I have hitherto cautiously avoided) yet this Piece is of too great Consequence to let pass unnoticed.——The grossest Language, the vilest Abuse, the most horrid Libels have been weekly printed against me in the *Maryland Gazette*, and when I attempted to reply, Mr. *Clapham*, *Corrector* of the Press, would one Week send back my Pieces for *Correction*, then would plead his *Obligations*, next scruple my *Security*, so that at length my Reputation, my Fortune and my Life were brought into the most imminent Danger.—The impartial and extensive Principles upon which you first proposed to act, and in which you have in Spite of all Opposition continued, induce me to hope, or rather insist upon an Act of Justice in giving this Answer an immediate Place in your Paper, as not only my Character, but a considerable Part of my Property depends upon it,—at the same Time, I will readily bear you o t of Harm, and will satisfy you for your extraordinary Trouble, nor do I doubt but your Readers, who are not at all concerned in, and never heard any Thing of, the Merits of the Cause, will excuse your indulging me with a Niche in your Paper,—an Indulgence which every injured Man would expect, and every reasonable Man allow.

The Writer of a Paper in the *Maryland Gazette*, signed *A Parishioner of All-Saints*, how *justly* soever he complains of *slender Abilities*, seems to be actuated upon the present Occasion, by that Insolence and Arrogance, that Malignity and Rancour of Heart, which has through the whole Dispute distinguished the Party whose Cause he has espoused. That the Piece was written by *a real Parishioner of All-Saints*, I cannot believe——*Ex Pede Herculem*——The Scribbler *Tom Fun*, or *Tom Fool*, or *Tom Tit*, *Tom* —— (fill up the Blank) is herein conspicuous; but I hope by this Time that there is not *a real Parishioner of All-Saints* so prejudiced, so callous, so dead to every Feeling, as not to see through the vile and infamous Treatment I received——encouraged, if not recommended, by the most unprincipled and revengeful Man alive. I had for some Time entertained Hopes, that the Spirit of Ambition, Envy, Jealousy and Malice, that had long disturbed not only my own Peace, but that of the Province, would finally, like the Canker, eat itself away, and for Want of Reply, gnaw only on its own Vitals; but I find the Dregs of that Spirit still remain which delights in Mischief, and follows me wherever I go—a Spirit that blasted my Character, and shut up the Press against my Vindication; that when I expected Satisfaction for an Affront, introduced a Blunderbuss into the Field; that when I went to take peaceable Possession of a Church, raised a Mob against me, who, had I not been miraculously preserved, would have torn me into a Thousand Pieces—A Spirit that conjured up the blackest Fiends in Hell, to ruin my Fortune,—Prevarication, Lying, Corruption, Bribery; and all this to effect what? To save Mr. *W. D*—— Twelve Pounds Current Money a-Year in the Education of his Children—To which Consideration my Reputation, my Life, my Fortune were nothing worth.—This remains to be proved—Had not the *Bystander's* * Fourth Letter been rejected for Six Weeks together at the *Maryland* Press, it would not have remained unproved.—Yet this is the Man, who, in Possession of an honourable and lucrative Office of 1500 l. a-Year, insults his noble and generous Benefactor by his Words, defies him by his Actions; and wrests the Government of the Province out of his Hands, by the Fury of a Mob.

In Answer to the Misrepresentation of the Riot in *Frederick-Town*, published in the *Maryland Gazette*, I beg you will give the following Account a Place in your Paper, which I do declare in the most solemn Manner, to be true in every Tittle, and which can be proved not only by '*a few picked Sycophants*,' as this Writer would insinuate, but by a considerable Part of the Congregation. The Cause of my getting the Keys, he owns Ignorance of. *Quiet*, as he says, all the Week, why should I have any Fears on Saturday, unless some Grounds had been given me?—I did receive Information, that I was to be shut out of the Church on Sunday, and this has been confirmed to me by every Man I have seen from *Frederick-Town* since. After I had read Prayers, I *did* offer the Keys of the Church to a Vestryman to keep, on condition he would let me perform Duty there on Sunday; this he would not promise, and declined accepting them—To be kept out of a Church; to which (if there be any such Thing in the Province) I have a legal Title, was a very galling Circumstance; but I gave not the least *contumelious* Language to any Man, notwithstanding the Injuries I received.—The Pistol, and the Expression, it is said, I made use of (which I was not conscious of at that Time) are charged as heinous Offences.——Is there a Man breathing so partial, so insensible, as to blame another for preparing to defend himself, when he was sure of being insulted and overpowered by Numbers? But the carrying of Pistols was merely accidental, and owing to a Caution that the Road was infested with Robbers, and I saw a Man myself who had been robbed and ~~severely handled the Week~~ before. The Expression, it is said, I made use of, is, to be sure, an extraordinary one for a Pulpit, but not more extraordinary than the ~~Attack~~ there. The Crisis was not a little alarming, and I well knew that had I permitted a certain Rascal to have taken hold of me, and thrown me amongst the Mob, I should have been torn in Pieces, the People being exasperated by the most malicious, though absurd Stories, almost to Madness.—I thank GOD, whatever the Expression, that it preserved my Life, and the Life of a Desperado.—However he might have deserved his Fate, I should have been sorry to have been the Instrument, and should have thought my Preferment too dearly bought (though an Hundred Times more valuable) by the Loss of a single Life. If so dangerous a Crisis could not palliate such an Exclamation in the Breast of the most rigid Devotee, he can have but little Claim to the Graces of Charity, or even the Feelings of Humanity.——"*The Parson ran*"—He avoided a Stone, which, if he had not been a little nimble, would have broken both his Legs. This, says the Writer, is *Mock-Heroism*. "*His Companion cried* Peccavi." He might have uttered a little Groan, upon receiving a Contusion in a Place where Uncle *Toby* was disabled at the Siege of *Namur*.—"*The Barrister skulked into a Loft*, and ————." Had our *heroic Parishioner* been in the Circumstances of either of us, he would hardly have had Time to have got into the Loft, but his Fears would have operated so strongly, that he might have been secure in the Midst of a Mob, defending himself like a certain Animal, and some dirty Fellows are used to do, by their Stink.

I designed complying with every Custom of the Parish; I never intended, nor gave the least Affront to the Vestry, or to any Individual, and notwithstanding the Reception I met with, I bear no Man the least Ill-Will there.——The Custom in every Parish, by particular Inquiries of every Clergyman I have seen, exactly corresponds with my Conduct in this Respect, which is to register the Induction, for Security against Fire or Accident, the next Vestry-Day, but Possession was always taken before. This was what I practised in Two Parishes, and not the least Objection was made in either. Mr. *Chase*, of *Baltimore*, assured me, that in a former Parish he held, upon a Dispute happening in the Vestry, he never did exhibit his Induction to them at all. ——When the Vestry asked me to let them see my Induction, I showed it them willingly, would have had it then registered, if they chose it; they had it in their Hands, and read it, and at that Time seemed well satisfied. But if Vestries assume to themselves illegal Powers, and arbitrary Privileges, it is the Duty of Lord *Baltimore*'s great Officers of State to see that the Laws be duly executed, and his Prerogative kept inviolate, and the Security of his Prerogative will be the Security of my Property. If Vestries have *by Law* a Power of *Admission*, I desire not to divest them of it. I have inquired of almost every Lawyer in *Maryland* concerning the Matter, and they are universally of Opinion that they have no such Power by Law.—— I do not wish to abridge, much less annihilate the Power of Vestries, I think it stands on a good Footing both for the Parish and the Minister; and I should be very glad to concur with the Vestry of *All-Saints*, in any reasonable Expedient to restore quiet to the Parish.

"*The Parson's Insinuation that the Vestry were under the Influence of, and guided by* C. D. *in their Conduct, is equally groundless and dirty.*"* How groundless? Were not private Letters sent up to influence them? Was not a Bag full of *C. D*'s curious, close, concise elegant Compositions remitted?——whose Style wanted nothing but Grammar, whose Argument wanted nothing but common Sense, and whose Assertions wanted nothing but Truth, to recommend them to general Acceptation——Was not the smart, the lively, the witty *Tom Fun* carried in the same Bag?—Is it astonishing that the united Efforts of Two such Genius's should work such Effect? Was not, in the Interim, the poor *Bystander* kept in *Durance vile* by the *Printer's Devil*, not able to stir Hand or Foot to the Assistance of his Friend? —Vile Injustice! infamous Partiality!

The People in *Frederick* considered me as a Monster rather than a Man. I was accused of every Crime that ever sullied human Nature, that I had, like *Naboth*, cursed GOD, and my King; whereas my only Fault, like his, was to have a Vineyard *too well* situated. A few Days, would indeed have been, as *Tom Fun* observes, too little by my Conduct to have removed Prejudices, but a few Minutes, with the Use of a Press, would have been sufficient. General Accusations against a Man's moral Character, are particularly ungenerous, as they do not admit of a Defence, it being impossible to prove a Negative. A Man, for Instance, who would undertake to prove he never was in Liquor, in his Life, must bring every Man he ever sat down with, and this would not do; for they would say, as it was said of Mr. *Addison*, that he got drunk in his Closet.——The only Opening was to retort and prove the same Vices, by proper Vouchers upon my Antagonist. This the *Bystander* did.—The Piece was laughable enough—I showed it Mr. *Chase*, who returned it with this Declaration, if you publish it, *The Party will murder you*. Is not my Character as dear to me as another Man's?——What Right has any Man to attack my Reputation upon whom I have not an equal Right to retort? Is *C. D.* so far my superior in FAMILY, Fortune, Connexions, Education and Abilities, that I dare not move my Pen, or wag my Tongue against him?——Let him proceed in his *dirty Path*——let him work like a Mole under Ground,——let him (though Heaven he cannot) move all Hell to distress me——let him stir up, or lead Mobs against my Life, and raise Law-suits against my Property, yet shall he in the End find, that I have personal Courage to defend my Life, Money to secure my Property, and a Mind superior to every Difficulty he can throw in my Way.

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* *A Writer, who undertook my Defence in the* Maryland Gazette.

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TO THE PRINTERS.

I HAVE neither Leisure nor Inclination to trouble the Public, thro' the Channel of a News-Paper; but the Author of a Piece, inserted in the *Pennsylvania Chronicle*, of the 12th Instant, having endeavoured to stigmatize my Character, renders it absolutely necessary for me to publish my Justification, with respect to the Part I innocently took in a Dispute, carried on with great Acrimony for a considerable Time in your *Gazette*.

The Declaration now made in the *Chronicle*, that the *Bystander*, and *Principal*, are one and the same Person, convinces me, that the Author will stick at nothing; that Truth and Falsehood are but Expletives, and occasionally necessary, otherwise he wou'd not have the Effrontery to admit, what he has all along publickly denied. Mr. GODDARD is not only acquainted with the Author, but is likewise to be saved *harmless*. A Note, privately, to Mrs. GREEN, to the same Effect, as I shall be able to shew, wou'd have removed, long ago, every Cause of Complaint——Mr. ALLEN is pleased to call me the *Corrector of the Press*, an Office I shall never assume, being conscious of my Inabilities; but my Friendship and Affinity to the Family, make it a Duty incumbent on me, to give them any Advice and Assistance, in my Power. Every Piece, penned with Decency, whether relative to the Public, or Individuals, ought not to be rejected; but whenever Scurrility and Personal Invective is introduced, in the Course of a Dispute, the Printers, for their own Safety, ought to demand and receive, a sufficient Indemnity: On these Terms, to my Knowledge, the *Maryland* Press has been always at Mr. ALLEN's Command.

I shall now endeavour to clear myself from the several Charges alledged against me in the *Chronicle*, "of "having sent back *his Pieces* for Correction, pleading "Obligations, and scrupling his Security; by which "his Reputation, Fortune and Life, were brought in- "to the most imminent Danger:" Heavy Assertions! But, happily for me, want only Truth to support them. To illustrate this Matter, I shall beg Leave to relate the Substance of a Conversation I had with Mr. ISAAC DAKIEN, of this City; and as it will be from Memory, if I should omit any material Part of it, I hope he will be kind enough to set me right, it being the sole Foundation on which Mr. ALLEN supports his unjustifiable Resentment.

A Piece, signed *A Bystander*, having been brought to the Press, was refused by the Printers, for want of the Author's Name, or an Indemnity. Mr. DAKIEN, whom I afterwards met with, told me, "he wou'd "indemnify the Printers, and that he was to have a "Security from the *Bystander*, (he did not say Mr. AL- "LEN) and mentioned his Intentions of going to *England* "in the Fall: I then asked him, who the Printers "were to look to, during his Absence? He answered, "that before he embarked, he wou'd clear himself of the "Affair; that he thought all Parties ought to have put "their Names to their Pieces from the Beginning; and, "that he was no otherwise concerned, but in the Con- "veyance of the *Bystanders* to the Press, and wou'd pay "for what he brought. I mentioned One or Two Pa- "ragraphs, as very exceptionable, to which he acqui- "esced, and said, he wou'd endeavour to get them al- "tered, or struck out: I then said, if he could do that, "I wou'd engage the Printers shou'd publish that "Piece, upon his Word; but, that if any more Pieces "came, an Indemnity, or the Author, must be pro- "duced; for, that it was unreasonable for Mr. ALLEN, "(whom I supposed the Author) to expect his Pieces "should be published on any other, than equal Terms "with his Antagonists; who had not only sent their's, "in their own Writing, but had also engaged to save "the Printers *harmless*; had been always Friends to "the Family, and were People of Power and Influ- "ence: That a Law-Suit might be the Ruin of the "Printers; and, consequently, it would be very im- "prudent in them, to run any Risque, for the small "Profits that wou'd accrue from the Publications. "Mr. DAKIEN further said, that if I would write "what was necessary, he wou'd sign it." This was not my Business: The Piece, however, was altered, and, I think, published that Week. A Second came, with a Note at the End, "to be continued Weekly," and was refused, for the Reasons above assigned, and no Indemnity having been produced——As there was not a Bystander, or Third-Person, during the above Conversation, I shall beg Leave to present the Public with a Specimen of Mr. ALLEN's Ingenuity, which he was at the Trouble of going to *Baltimore-Town*, to get printed; first mentioning, that he demanded of the Printers, that they should acknowledge the Receipt of the Pieces, and their Refusal to publish them, as in a former Dispute was done by the late Mr. GREEN. The Piece refused by him, was sign'd by the Author, and of course not similar.

ADVERTISEMENT

June 18. 1768.

"WHEREAS the Printers of the gazette have both "in an hand bill, and their Paper of the 2 inst. "been pleased to call a Report, scandalous, which pre- "vails, that they rejected the Bystander's compositions. "I do hereby aver, that Mr Allen signed an indem- "nity to a third Person in favour of the Bystander, to "secure the Printers; which Person offer'd one to the "Corrector of the Press. who answer'd, he would take "his word. So many palliations were required, so "many Subterfuges, Evasions, and delays ensued, that "of three Bystanders sent to the Press in Easter week, "one only has made its appearance; and the receipt of "the rest was refused to be acknowledged. No Charac- "ter can want vindication from low abuse, which only "serves, with men of common sense, to reflect disgrace "and Infamy upon the writer, and may tend to bring "down deserved Ruin upon the Printer of it.

"The Bystander."

MR. ALLEN's Treatment to Mrs. GREEN, left a Widow, with a large Family, he never can justify. On the 27th of *May*, he called at the Printing-Office, and endeavoured to intimidate her, by threatening to knock up her Press, if ever she published any more Pieces against him: Accordingly, next Morning, a

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Manuscript (of which no Copy remains) was stuck up at the Door of the Stadt-House, the Assembly then sitting, and the Office of Printer vacant, by which (tho' not intended) her real Service; for, she was so happy, so to be unanimously chosen. It is general had he acted a contrary Part, and given his mendation to the Public, she wou'd not, Reason, have received so general a Mark and Approbation.—I shall now beg Leave the Reader, that several Pieces sent to the fictitious Names, (prejudicial to Mr. A rafter) were never published; and, at the to assure him, notwithstanding any Dou have about the Matter, that the Author fgn'd A PARISHIONER OF ALL-SAINTS, Parishioner of ALL-SAINTS," if not hi Friend and Acquaintance, who, 'tis even him in taking Possession of the Church—t tical Person, "the Barrister skulked into a L For such a Change of Conduct, the Re exercise his own Judgment; but, for m inclined to believe, that Gentleman, on tion, found he had been too precipitate Measures prejudicial to his Interest; an being censured by his Friends, avails h Proverb:——— "A wise Man will "his Faults."——Mrs. GREEN, still renewing the Dispute, received a second the 20th of *August*, with an Indemnifica Freeholder in that Parish, and requesting lished in the next *Gazette*. I shall only i of a Note sent to the *Bystander*'s Friend, mit to the Public, whether the Printers h thro' the whole Affair, with the greatest Impartiality.

"SIR,

"UNLESS the Author of the Piece "Publication, shall think prop "himself to the PRINTERS, he cannot "meet with a Place in the GAZETTE; "sonal Invective, is the result of a lo "contend if as a Matter of Right, a "been refused so reasonable a Demand "we publish any more Pieces for either "to the Controversy, without that pre "tion. We shall not divulge that Secr "should be an absolute necessity for "in that Case, we shall act with the utm "to all concern'd. I therefore return t "is to be printed; please to return i "possible. I am, Yours, &c.

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I hope I have convinced every unpre that Mr. ALLEN's Allegations against m from a Malignity of Disposition, pec without the least Truth for their Sup my Reputation is as free from Censur fore the late public and virulent At Gentleman to sully and aspersé it.

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