

of vesting sufficient Powers in the Person of the Senior Councillor present, for determining Causes in Appeal; and whatever may be defective in the Act *against Engrossing and Registering*, shall come under our due Consideration: Seeing that We are so well assured of your Excellency's good Inclinations, as well to advance the Interests, as to secure the Property of the People of this Province, We should fail in doing Justice to your Character; if We did not in this Publick Manner acknowledge your incessant Care, and great Circumspection in whatever nearly regards the publick Weal thereof, and of which we have an eminent Example in your Recommendation of a separate Repository for the old Publick Records, by the Appointment whereof the Inhabitants of this Province will have a double Security in their Estates.

YOUR Excellency's generous Tender of your good Offices, in whatever may advance the united Interests of His Majesty, the Lord Proprietary, and the good People of this Province, exacts our gratefulest Returns, and at this Time calls upon both Houses of Assembly, to come heartily and zealously into the Consideration of all such Ways and Means as may effectually promote the true Interest of *Maryland*.

To which His Excellency was pleas'd to make the following ANSWER.

Gentlemen,

YOUR very kind Address, is most acceptable to Me; and I sincerely thank you, for your favourable Opinion of my Words and Actions, which will yet more and more animate Me, to prosecute with Care and Affection, the General Welfare of the Government and People of *Maryland*.

BENEDICT LEONARD CALVERT.

Mr. Parks,

I Have of late seen several Proposals, by some Gentlemen, for a Paper Currency; and altho' I have always been averse to any Thing of that Kind, yet, lest such a Law should pass, of two Evils would always chuse the Lesser; and therefore pray, that you'd be pleas'd to let the following Proposals have a Place in your publick Prints, as a Scheme that in my humble Opinion, will prove least injurious to the poorer sort of People, and of best Advantage to all sorts of undesigning Men, viz.

That a Paper Currency be struck, amounting to Ten Shillings; at least, for every Taxable Person in *Maryland*, at the publick Charge, That it be delivered to the Sheriff (or whom the Legislature shall appoint) of every County, to be distributed to every Person charged with Taxables, viz. Ten Shil-

lings for every Taxable he is so charged with, upon giving Bond with sufficient Security, (which Bonds may be printed and sent to the Distributers at the publick Charge) to reimburse to the Publick, one Shilling Yearly for every Ten Shillings received, for and during the Time and Term of eleven or twelve Years to come, either in Silver or Gold, or in the same Paper Currency, at the Election of the Debtor; in which Time, the whole Sum of Paper Currency will be sunk; and there will be in the Hands of the Publick Ten or Twenty per Cent. to defray the Charge of taking it in; which, in my humble Opinion, will be a sufficient Compensation.

This is all at present from a Well-wisher to his Countrey, and

Your humble Servant,

P. Q.

## FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

*Rome, Feb. 19.* The Pope has made a Present to the Chevalier de St. George, of a Crown of Gold, enrich'd with very fine Diamonds; and Cardinal Bentivoglio has presented the same Chevalier with several Pieces of the richest Velvet he could buy, towards the Furnishing of his Country Palace.

*Bologna, Feb. 19.* N. S. The Princess Sobieski, Consort to the Chevalier de St. George, has received from Rome a curious Rosary, made of Diamonds set in Gold, which the Pope presented to the Chevalier.

*Kingsale, March 4.* A handsome Galley, about 180 Tons, was on Wednesday Morning, the 26th past, by a violent Storm forced on Shore, four Miles Eastward from this Port. She struck on a little dry Rock, about two Cables in Length from the Shore, and in a Moment fell asunder; the Country People saw ten Men tumble into the Sea, at once and another Man (supposed to be the Captain) step from the Quarter-deck upon the Rock, and upon the next Surge of the Sea he endeavoured to get upon the Quarter of the Wreck, but fell down; so that not one Soul was saved; and as she fell to peices, several Casks of sweet Wine came on shore, but most of them stove, by which she is supposed have to come from the Streights; the Custom-house Officers went to the Place two Days successively, but nothing could be saved, for the Land was high, and People could not get down but by Ropes, one of the Country People got down over the Cliff, and as the rest were pulling him up again, he fell down and so died, supposed to have been drunk. Some of the Sailors are since found and buried; there was a Black among the Dead: The Ship had a fine Lion at her Head, but we cannot find where she was bound.

*Bristol, March 15.* We have an Account by a Coaster, Gough, Master from Cork, that the Gibraltar, said to be bound from the Canaries to London, was beat to Pieces between Cork and Kingsale, and that every Soul on board her perished. There was the Body of a Person drove on shore, belonging to the said Ship, supposed to be a Passenger, who as it is surmised seeing the imminent Danger they were in, tied 50 Pieces of Gold about his Waste, and with a Subscription in Writing, requesting those who should take up his Body, to bury it in a decent Manner, and to apply that Money, or part of it, to defray the Charge: It happened that two Irishmen, who were looking out for the Wreck, took up the Body, but instead of burying it as requested, they left it on the Sand, and after quarrelled about the Money, when one of 'em was killed, and the other committed for the Murder.

*London, March 14.* The following are nominated to be Gentlemen of the Bedchamber to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, viz. the Right Hon. the Earl of Tankerville, the Right Hon. the Lord Hurray Powlett, first Brother to his Grace the Duke of Bolton, and Knight of the Shire for the County of Southampton, and the Lord Palworth, eldest Son to the Right Hon. the Earl of Marchmont.

The Right Hon. Sir William Yonge, Knight of the Honourable Order of the Bath, and one of the Lords of the Treasury, will speedily be marry'd to Miss Howard, Daughter to the late Lord Howard of Effingham, a Fortune of 20,000l.

*London, March 15.* By Letters from Jamaica, we learn that the Spaniards took four Ships in October last, belonging to the English Merchants, off the Havana.