

with Impunity, and yet Complain against the Justice and Lenity of your Excellency's Administration, for no other Cause, that we know of, but opposing their Indulgences towards the prime Offices of Trust in this Province. We take this to be Indulgence, tho' they ungratefully term it persecution, and beg leave to Joyn with your Excellency, in defying them to shew one Single Instance of Severity from either Government or Country; and Rejoyce to find their Lordships are so well apprised of the Truth of the Case, as to Judge their proceedings *Malicious* and *imprudent*.

We are glad to find that some (who we doubt not are the most Judicious and Considerable) of that Party, have not Joyned with the Rest in their Indiscreet and Barbarous Treatment of your Excellency, for Supporting the Establish'd Government; and could wish the Rest would follow their Examples; that all, who Profess the *Christian Faith*, might, with Safety to the Government, be Protected by it in their *Conscientious Liberties*. But we are Indispensibly Obliged to Act Defensively and Watchfully against the Incroachments of those that Endeavour to Subvert it, and pervert the more Unthinking of our People, and Allure them to the Superstitions of their Church.

The Noble and pious Resolutions of our Lord Proprietary, give us a lively prospect that we shall never want the Concurrence of so great an Assessor and Maintainer of our Liberties; And as it is Obvious to all unprejudiced Persons, how Just and Loyal your Excellency hath ever been to his Sacred Majesty and his Succession, how Studious to Promote the *Protestant Establishment*, and the Honour and Interest of the Lord Proprietor; so with greatest Truth we may boldly Assert, that it is the Interest and welfare of this Province your Excellency hath had much at Heart, for which our most Grateful Thanks are Returned, with a Sincere Desire long to remain under the Conduct of so Unbyassed a Ruler.

We entirely Submit to your Excellency's Opinion on the *Repealing Act*, and shall Endeavour to Explain it.

The Laws Relating to *Jurors*, to the *Repairing and making Roades and Bridges*, and *Taking of Taxables*, shall be Carefully Inspected, and Maturely Considered, and such Amendments proposed as may Answer the Ends of your Excellency's Kind Recommendation.

And as to the Law relating to *Squirrels*, it shall be fully debated and Considered.

We are so fully Sensible of the Extensive Bounty of the Crown in Appropriating the Duty of *one Penny per Pound* for the propagating Learning in these parts, where it is but too much wanted, that we think our selves Indispensibly Obliged by the Strictest Tyes of Duty to our Sovereign, and Affection to our Country, to use our Endavours, that these good Intentions may be rendered Effectual and Useful to us, And that his Majesty's Charity and Goodness, that was intentionally Extended to this Province, as well as *Virginia*, may not be wholly limited to that Colony, especially Considering that we have good Reason to believe the greatest part of that Fond arises on the Export of *Tobacco* from *Maryland*, which is now Solely applyed to the Colledge in *Virginia*, by the remote Situation whereof, and other Inturmountable Difficulties, we have Scarce a Possibility of any Manner of Benefit by that so Considerable a Fond.

We acknowledge the great Obligations of our Country to your Excellency, by Recommending to us the Consideration of this so Important an Affair, which has been but too long Neglected, to the great Discouragement of Learning amongst us; And shall, by our humble Address to his Majesty, set forth the Truth of our Case, in which we doubt not but so much Justice will appear, that it will meet with