

The Speaker of the House of Commons one of my Nephew's Guardians Mr. Onslow sends his compliments to you and he is obliged to you for your Letters to him, which he now would have answered, but has postponed the same until the Return of the Approbation or Disapprobation of the Laws of the Province passed in the Session of Assembly held the 15th of May 1751. Three where of are now under consideration. ~~that~~ of the Attorney General. viz!

The Law concerning one convict being Evidence against another, is objected to by the Speaker and Mr. Sharpe his Lordships Guardians, as a Law repugnant to the Laws of England, there being no such provisionary Law of Evidence in this Country. The Speaker mentions that he should consider against the next Session of the Parliament of Great Britain; whether it would not be adviseable for a clause to be obtained in some Act, on behalf of the Plantations in this Case. However as this Law is so necessary for the Preservation of the Lives of the People in Maryland, it is thought and hoped, it will pass the Opinion of the Attorney General; The necessity thereof being so urgent.

The Law concerning Negroes and Slaves, is thought by the Guardians may be attended with much Cruelty, in as much as the Masters of such Negroes and Slaves upon a Accident of Killing of them, are not cognizable to Tryal; It being thought reasonable, That a Person so killing should be accountable by Law in some manner for such action, to prove the occasion thereof.

And the Law concerning Princeps Ann Town, the Guardians will I believe dissent to, the saving clause to the Right Hon^{ble} The Lord Proprietary his Heirs & Successors & his respective Right being not properly secured to him, by reason the one penny Lott is not ascertained therein and it being thought that part of the said Town is Escheated to the Lord Proprietary.

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