

Trust reposed in him, which is ready to prove & defend.
That as Dr. Brookes he had the utmost Contempt for him
& the charge he levelled at him.

The Hon^{ble} Cecilius Calvert Esq^r his Lordship's Secre-
tary of Maryland to Edmund Jennings Esq^r Secretary
in Maryland, on the further Continuance of the Inspection
Tobacco Law & on the Guardians petition to accom-
pany Messrs Penns ab^t Boundaries.

London September 14th 1752. N. S.

Sir.

Yours from Annapolis of June the 10th last
is arrived with Mr. Taskers Speech inclosed. The meeting
of the Assembly seems agreeable to the Design of the late
Governor deceased, to promote the Happiness of the Province,
by giving an opportunity to the Legislative Power of an Early,
& further Continuance of the Inspection Tobacco Law. I do
not doubt but the Assembly was convened with the advice of the
Council of State, most likely grounded from Propositions. viz^t
That before this Law, the Frauds & abuses committed by the
Planters, who sold their Tobacco in the Country, were so many
& various; That all the Precaution which the Purchasers could
take were not sufficient to guard against imposition, that might
of course depreciate the staple of Tobacco; That the produce of it
would not supply the natives with the bare necessaries of life, and
that had not many of the Coopers manufactured a little
Iron & Flax, they & their Families must have gone naked.
As an addition of misfortune, the Virginians had a Law for the In-
spection of their Tobacco, which drew the Eyes of the World
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