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a man must never expect to arrive at any Exactness of Reasoning; and am sensible it is no very easy Task in turning all my Thoughts on Mr. B. Brooks's charge, and on the Contents of your answer thereto, to me, as also his memorial touching the same, presented by him to the Earl of Halifax first Lord of the Board of Trade & Plantations.

Mr. Brook has in his Letterd Allegations to the Representatives of Calvert County in Maryland, cast heavy Imputations on the Magistrates & Officers, as to charge them with male Administration & Rule of Government, under the Authority & conduct of the late Lord Proprietary deceased.

It is certainly most necessary all Persons so accused & call'd upon, if faultless & innocent, should clear themselves, & wipe off the slime of Filth that any one should shall be so wicked to slur undeservedly.

I shall briefly endeavour a few observations on the invalid part of the Memorialists charge. viz^t

You say. — "It is in Logick as well as in Law & Religion, that a Denial of facts charged without Proof to support them, is a sufficient answer."

In this I agree, as from Logick are reduced four maxims. viz^t

1st Not to judge of any thing which is obscure, without Evidence.

2^d Divide the thing you are to judge of.

3^d Take care to observe a method in your Thoughts.

4th Let the Division you make be perfect.

Now it does not appear so as to fix any Idea from any Evidence