

are become odious to the People. & I believe some of the Libel which has
been thrown on them during the Contention will stick, as long as their
Names are had in remembrance; Nath. His Ldp. the same Reasons to
be uneasy. I think not, the Province is indeed brought into some sort
of Disgrace with the Ministry but I do not know that they lay any blame
at his Door; or that any one hath since taken an Occasion publicly to
innuate any thing to his Disadvantage except the Author of the Queries w^{ch}
were some time ago inserted in the London Chronicle & as the Querists' as-
sertions or Insinuations were void of Truth, as You would be convinced
were You to see Mr. Bidcut's Answers to those Queries which I some time
ago transmitted to Mr. Calvert & which I should have sent him long
before had he not told me that he thought the Queries unworthy Notice
His Ldp. would do well to disregard the Calumny of an anonymous Scrib-
bler especially as not even the Assembly themselves have presumed to allege
in their Journal whatever they may have privately insinuated to their
Constituents that His Ldp's Aversion to Contributing towards the Expenses
of the War has been the Reason that no Supplies have been lately gran-
ted here for His Majesty's Service, tho' in fact I am persuaded that if
His Ldp. had at first sent me Instructions to give up the Ordinary Licences
which he yielded up afterwards (if a Person might be said to yield up
what he was not possessed of nor can have unless the Assembly thinks fit
to give them by an Act) the Assembly would not have proceeded such Length
as they have since gone, for as they found His Ldp. too tenacious (or
rather Mr. Calvert for the Licences were to have been a Perquisite to him)
they on their Parts were determined to strip him as far as should be found
practicable, the violent Proceedings of the Prov^l Assembly countenanced