

Writers Account: wants Capacity to support the Rights of the Proprietors? Is it probable that such Persons would except against him on that Account & complain of his not being thoroughly acquainted with the Constitution of the Province? Or can it be supposed that those of the Inhabitants who having never been Members of either House could not see enough of Mr. Ridout to form any Judgment of him or his Capacity are the people who were said to be in such a terrible ferment? But the Truth is that when The Dularys found they were not to be One Commissary General & the Other Secretary & in short to be gratified in all their Demands however unreasonable, they & those with whom they were particularly connected, resolved to wreak their Vengeance on him whom they were pleased to consider as an Interloper (& I am satisfied that had any other Person been preferred on Col. Tashers Death they would have been equally dissatisfied) a thousand Lies were most industriously propagated through the Country, even his not having been born in Maryland was mentioned as what ought to have been an insuperable Objection to his Promotion, & then as he had no Family Connections in the Country nor large Estate here, it was insinuated that he had no Inducement to consult or promote the Welfare & Prosperity of the Province; Having thus given some of their Dependants their Lesson they expected no doubt that the Multitude would by such means be easily brought implicitly to condemn the Step I had taken, & tho they found themselves much disappointed they answered it seems for the whole Peoples Sake Buckingham in Richard the Third

Some Followers of mine own
"Thanks gentle Citizens & Friends quoth I
"At lower End sth. Hall, hurld up their Caps
"This general Applause & cheerful Shout
"And some ten Voices cryd God save King Richard!
"Argues Your wisdom & your Love to Richard.
and thus strook the Vantage of those few:

I have in former Letters given You at large my Reasons (which You will not I hope forget) why I was extremely desirous to have another Inhabitant of Annapolis besides Mr. Tasher, Mr. Dularny, & Mr. Bordley a Member of the Council & why I was more sollicitous to have Mr. Ridout there than any one else; I shall not therefore now repeat them but only say that what hath since pass'd here confirms me