

Such were the Arguments & Reasons urged by the Gentlemen of the Council when they  
advised me to prorogue the Assembly & indeed they would have determined <sup>to take</sup> ~~me to take~~  
that Step long before had I not been satisfied that if they had been dissolved before  
they had addressed me on the Affairs of Mr Darnall they would have told their  
Constituents I prorogued them in order to conceal his Knavery & to prevent their  
making an Enquiry into the Proceedings of other Officers. A fortnight or three  
Weeks after the Assembly had broke up Mr Calvert who lives in Prince Georges  
County happening to pay me a Visit informed me that the People in that part  
of the Province had been made to believe (as he supposed by Mr Murdock) that the  
Assembly had been prorogued at Mr Bidout's Instance lest they should have pre-  
sented an Address against him but that upon his (Mr Calvert's) declaring in a pub-  
lic Assembly at Marlboro that there was not the least Foundation for such a Sug-  
gestion the Rumour died, no Person choosing to acknowledge himself the Author of it  
or to contradict Mr Calvert's Assertion, & I am confident the Inhabitants in general were  
never so quiet & contented since I have had the Honour to serve His Sup<sup>r</sup> as they have  
been ever since the Assembly broke up. We have since had a general Election at which  
many well behaved sensible Men were chosen in the Stead of such as I never desired  
to see again in the House & I cannot but flatter myself that the Persons who have  
for many Years past had the sole Management of Assembly Affairs will now lose  
much of their Influence. Having I am afraid tired Your Patience by dwelling so  
long on one Part of Your Letter which indeed I could not read without some Degree  
of Indignation at the Proceedings of those who as You observe name Things not according  
to Truth but call Right & Wrong according to their Passions & being unhappy & discon-  
tented Men seem to be sworn Enemies to the Peace & Quiet of others, I will proceed  
to answer such other Parts of Your Letter as You may expect some Reply to. It gives You  
may be assured the Gentlemen of the Council & myself much pleasure to know that  
our Address to His Majesty on his Accession to the Throne of Great Britain was so  
graciously received. We have taken this Opportunity to make our Acknowledgments  
to His Sup<sup>r</sup> for presenting it, & to beg the favour of him to present to the King & his Royal

Council