

advised with<sup>d</sup> D<sup>r</sup> Davis I much question whether the Execution of the Articles  
would not have been retarded by their giving contradictory Opinions. I have  
already advised You of my having forwarded Your Packett to Col: Lloyd, what  
Resolution he may come to on the perusal of His Ldps Instructions I cannot tell,  
he was to have been over here last week, but the Indisposition of M<sup>r</sup> Lloyd I  
understand prevented him. I am obliged to You for the Trouble You were pleas'd  
to take in communicating to me, all that pass'd between Yourself & M<sup>r</sup> Dulany, I  
need not I presume hint to You that M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup>namara is at his Devotion, I cannot  
find that M<sup>r</sup> Dulany has wrote to any Person here, since his Arrival in England  
tho they had heard from other Persons before Your Letter gave me Information of  
it that he was gone down to Bath, as neither His Ldp nor You tell me, whether  
the Money You have respectively desired may be paid to M<sup>r</sup> Bacon, is intended  
as a free Gift to him I must beg the favour of You to inform me. The Conditions  
on which we all subscribed are that the Subscribers shall be repaid out of the  
Money that the Books when printed may be sold for; It was represented to us  
that the sum of about £1000 would be wanted immediately to pay for Paper, Types,  
Printing & Binding & that M<sup>r</sup> Bacon himself could not deposit so large a Sum for  
those purposes, to obviate that Objection & that the work may go on a Number of  
us agreed to advance the Money wanted on the Conditions abovementioned &  
thereupon the Paper &c. was as I am told sent for by M<sup>r</sup> Jaques a Merchant of  
this City whom M<sup>r</sup> Bacon impowred to receive the Sums subscribed, as I could  
not at any price get a Pipe or two of good old Madeira Wine in the Province  
(for the Merchants do not import the best Sort nor keep what they do import  
for Sale long enough for it to meliorate) I have sent His Ldp a Pipe that I imported  
three Years ago for my own Use, & which I flatter myself will be found excellent, I  
will let His Ldp know what Sum I shall be obliged to pay for a Pipe to replace  
it, & will if I can get one send him another good Pipe in the Summer but if His  
Ldp would for Years to come drink Madeira in Perfection he will be pleas'd  
to signify to me his Approbation of the Proposal I have now taken the Liberty