

done? Whenever you please to enter into particulars, you may be assured that you shall have no Interruption from me in your enquiry either into real or imaginary Grievances, and whatever of the former sort shall appear, I am sure no Man in the Province will be more ready to Redress than myself; but I hope I may say, that general Expressions of Avarice and Ambition in Officers, of poor Peoples sinking under the Yoke of Bondage, being brought to a state of Villenage, &c. are so far from being any Proof of them, that they must be allowed a strong Presumption to the contrary, by every candid and judicious Man, such general Reflections being oftner made use of to darken Truth, than to place it in a fair and open Light.

I agree with you that this Government has for sometime past pursued it's own Profit and Benefit, and really believe it will continue to do so in all Times to come, and presume the Lower House of Assembly will do the same; but hope that this will never prevent our promoting the general Good and Prosperity of the People under our Care; This is certainly the true Interest of all Governments, and will always be pursued in proportion to the Wisdom and good Understanding of the Gentlemen in the Administration of them.

I am obliged to you for acknowledging that you have good Reason to be assured, that the little Credit given by his Lordship's Officers to our Currency, *has not been the Means in a great manner to depreciate the same*, this is but doing them Justice; Our Paper Money not paying the Clergy and Officers, being the chief, if not only Reason of the present low State of it's Credit: But however that may be, I cannot but be concerned to find any thing weigh with the Representatives of the good People of *Maryland*, to let it take it's Chance on the Foundation whereon it now stands, especially as you seem to acknowledge, that it is of the utmost Importance to this Province to Circulate and give a Credit to our Currency, and that we have Enemies whose Attempts and Designs we have Reason to fear, both against that and our Welfare: What Evils you apprehend in raising the Value of our Paper Money, I must own I cannot imagine; but should be glad that they were to be fairly examined, being persuaded, that if your Apprehensions should be found to be ill grounded, you would readily quit them for the Good of the Province.

I am very well pleased with the Regard you express for the Clergy, and hope that this favourable Disposition will always continue in the Representatives of the People towards that Reverend Body; Their Establishment is certainly upon a very solid Foundation, and I hope you will be of Opinion, that the Establishment of Courts and Officers is no less solid, when you consider that they are upon the same Foundation on which our Assemblies themselves stand, *viz. The Royal Charter.*