

*shown Reasons for denying it, even if that was the Case, we presume an indifferent Judge would expect him to show a Reason for doing it.*

*The Attack you suppose on the Government, in order to deprive them of a Support they are in Possession of, is of a Piece with the rest of your Message: If in a private Life, one Man violently took another's Money from him, the Party wronged would scarcely be called the Aggressor for endeavouring to recover it, or prevent his doing so again; but perhaps in the Logick of an Upper House, as well as some where else, the Case of a Proprietary alters the nature of Things, and makes that Just in the Lord, which would be very Unlawful in the Tenant.*

*We are as little surprized at your Negative to the Bill for Payment of an Agent, as at your Happiness in finding so proper a Definition for a Minister: However, as you desire your Reason for not assenting, to be made Publick, we hope you'll not take it amiss, if we set it in it's proper Light, that so the meanest Capacity may be able to judge of it.*

*The People of Maryland think the Proprietary takes Money from them unlawfully.*

*The Proprietary says he has a Right to take that Money.*

*This Matter must be determined by his Majesty, who is indifferent to both.*

*The Proprietary is at home, and has this same Money to enable him to negotiate the Affair on his Part.*

*The People have no way of negotiating it on their Part, but by employing fit Persons in London to act for them, and these Persons must be paid for their Trouble, and propose a Bill for raising a Fund to that Purpose.*

*The Upper House tells us, You shall not have that Bill, unless you let the Governor and Us, or rather the Proprietary (with whom we contest) have as well the Nomination of the Persons to be made use of on this Occasion, as determine what, or if any thing, shall be paid them for their Trouble.*

*The Reproach not only on this House but on all the Province, couched under the Word Relative to a Guardian, should, we assure you, have been answered in Terms it deserved, were it not that we are fully determined nothing you can say, or do, shall draw us into any Thing may give you the least pretence for a Rupture, which might prevent the Execution of the publick Business, and prove an intolerable Charge to the People.*