

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 perswaded, 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.*

I don't at all question but that his Lordship and his Officers, will do all they can for the Ease and Encouragement of our Back Inhabitants; and I shall hope for the same from this Assembly.

I return you Thanks for the Assurances you give me, that you will have a due Regard to any useful Laws which may expire this Session, and of your Readiness and Willingness to do every Thing which may be necessary to so good an End as the Safety of the Province, and I shall ever commend you for Examining with Freedom and Candour all Accounts of the Publick Money.

I think I have observed every thing that is material in your Address; As to loose and general Charges, I own myself at a Loss what An-