

the People of *Maryland* are spoke of on every Occasion, where the Mention of them can be introduced with any Pretence; but the Government, or Lord Proprietary, are not once taken Notice of, as if they were of no Significancy in this Affair; and even the *Indian* Interpreter is a Person, whom the Lower House thinks fit to rely on for their Information, rather than myself. It seems to be with such Views, that so many Enquiries are set on Foot as may possibly alarm the *Indians*; as if the Government of *Maryland* had Designs rather to stir up fresh Animosities, than rectify the present Misunderstandings: And the 9th and 14th Articles plainly tend to raise a Distinction in the Minds of the *Indians*, between the Proprietary and People of *Maryland*, as if there could be a Peace between the People of *Maryland* and the *Indians*, and not between the Lord Proprietary and the *Indians*. But the 18th Article limits the Negotiation to 300 *l.* Sterling; so that if the *Indians* should insist on a greater Sum, there could be no Treaty made, since the Assembly would not be sitting, to whom Recourse might be had for further Directions; and the Consequences of the *Indians* Relentment on such Disappointment might be, when they should be so near our Borders, too terrible not to be avoided if possible.

I come now to take Notice of what you say in your Address, "That these Instructions were drawn up, to be privately made use of by your Members, in their Way, and during that Negotiation, &c." And for the Truth of this Assertion, you appeal "to the Nature of them, that it cannot be conceived they were intended in any other Manner;" I must own I have some Satisfaction in that Self Conviction you seem to have, of the Impropriety of those Instructions; and I wish the Testimony you rely on from the Nature of the Instructions, would bear you out in the Interpretation you now put upon them: But the very Title of your Instructions, as well as the Body of them, shew the contrary: The Title runs thus; *viz.*

September Session, 1742, Instructions from the House of Delegates of the Province of Maryland, to Col. Robert King and Dr. Charles Carroil, for treating with the Six Nations of Indians, in Conjunction with
appointed by the Upper House.

I need not after this endeavour at any Explanation, to prove these Instructions were designed as Directions to, and obligatory on, the Gentlemen there named, in carrying on their Treaty, which was not to be done *privately, or in their Way.*

I cannot omit observing what Care has been taken to keep those Instructions secret till this Time; for although they were framed and resolved last Session, yet I declare never to have heard the least mention of them 'till within these two or three Days, nor does any Entry appear on your Journals, that your House had any Instructions relating to this Affair under Consideration; and although you might think it adviseable to keep the Matter of them from the knowledge of the World, yet surely a Governor might reasonably expect to be informed of the particulars, but this seemed to be guarded against as much as the Proceedings of the House could admit of, by a total Silence on the Journals of any Instructions being at any Time before the House.

As I have acquainted you in what Light I view those Instructions, I must further say plainly, you have taken upon yourselves a Province which does not belong to you, and that I hope you will, upon Consideration

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