

Subjects, And to shew our Gratitude to the Best of Kings, the least we can do, is to conform (what we can) with his Royal Inclinations, by encouraging the Hemp Trade; which our own Interest and the Soil of the Province, in many Places, invite us to. Some Advances were made last Sessions, in Relation to Hemp to pay Debts contracted in that Commodity, at six Pence per Pound, which (if it be above the current Price of the Market in England) will unavoidably raise a Clamour in the Merchants at Home, as a bad Foundation to support a good Undertaking; therefore I recommend to your Serious Consideration, Whether it would be thought convenient, To appoint proper Persons in each County to receive all the Merchantable Hemp, that shall be brought in yearly, to a Price agreeable to Market in England, and a Reward to those that bring in large Quantities: This may encourage Industry, and put People to work on a Manufacture that is not likely to be pernicious.

Gentlemen; I can't help taking Notice of a Report spread That I design to turn several out of Commission, which is entirely false, and only raised to create a Mis-understanding between me and the good People of Maryland, to whom I shall always think my self obliged by the Favours I have received from them, and particularly this present General Assembly, and in return will sincerely study the Prosperity of the Province, without any private Views of my own, and shall shew the greatest Resentment to the Authors of any Reflections on the Gentlemen in Commission, finding nothing in their Conduct but what is agreeable to their Duty to the King, the Proprietary, and the Country.

Gentlemen of the Upper House of Assembly; As in our Legislature (as near as Circumstances will permit) we endeavour, by forming three Estates, to assimilate that of our Mother, Great Britain, making her our Pattern for Justice, in Order to which, in reference to Mr. Bordly, I must let you know, how, That * my discharging him from giving me further Counsel (he having given me Counsel of pernicious Consequence) is not designed to affect him as a Member of your House, if (as such) he hath a right to sit there, which Point I Desire you'll enquire into, and inform me of your Judgments therein, that Justice may be done.

I shall conclude, with a hearty Recommendation, that you put the greatest Dispatch to the Publick Affairs and the least Charge to the Country, and that Parties, Factions and News-makers be discouraged, and in your several Counties recommend to the good People (in these dismal Times of Trade) Bearing and Forbearing, what they can, with each other.

Eha. Calvert.