

Gentlemen;

THe following is One Reason why I dismiss Mr. *Bordley* from giving Me further Counsel.

In the last Conversation I had with Mr. *Bordley* at his own House, which was soon after last Sessions, among other Things, talking of the Militia, I was saying, I could wish it had been Regulated by the Assembly, as propos'd by the Upper House. Upon which he made Me this Answer, Your Excellency sees, the Lower House will not Consent to it, Therefore you must get my Lords Revenue settled for a Term of years, and then use his Prerogative. What Mr. *Bordley* could mean by giving me such Counsel, and what the Consequence of such Counsel might be, I leave you all to Judge. For my part, I think it my Duty, in things of that Moment, to Rely on both Houses. And I can, in the Lord Proprietor's Name (who has, since I had the Honour to be your Governour, received ample Testimonies of your Love and Duty to him) assure you, He thinks his *Prerogative* the Love of his *Faithful Tenants*: He prides himself in their Happiness, as an essential part of his own; He desires to be an Indulgent Father to the good People of *Maryland*, and by no means to put the least Hardship on them: This his Sweet Disposition and Love of Integrity and Honour hath Endeared him to all that have a Personal Knowledge of him.

Febr. 20. 1721.

Cha. Calvert.

To the Honourable *Charles Calvert*, Esq; Governour of *Maryland*.

YOUR Honour having indulged me with the Particulars of my Charge, mentioned in your Speech, for giving Your Honour Counsel of pernicious Consequence, and having permitted me to answer or explain my self thereon, I with Joy and Thankfulness, inbrace the Opportunity, and beg leave to obseive,

That your Honour has been so good to allow (when you permitted me the Honour to be heard before you and the Members of the Council this Day) that when I spoke those Words, concerning Mr. *Brown*, I used no Persuatives, with your Honour, to enter a *Noli prosequi* in that Case, and, I think 'tis clear, the Words I'm charged with, in themselves, import no more than my Acquainting you of your Power, which being a matter of Law, I might think it my Duty, as Attorney General, to apprise you of; and to the best of my Remembrance, I afterwards used such like Words to your Honour in full Council, in Relation to my own Prosecution against Mr. *Brown*, which I hope are not lyable to any necessary Construction