

Liber M C these two Years from the date hereof 16 Cowes and a Bull which is by a third more then ever was known to be found certainly of your Lordships own Proper stock in this Colony since the Recovery of the same though it is true more understand your Lordships (the right owners not being able to prove them theirs being unmarked in the time of the late Rebellion and desirous to give unto your Lordship all hoñble satisfaction they could were contented all such uncertain beasts should be understood as your Lordships were indeed and are disposed of towards the Paym<sup>t</sup> of such just engagements and at such Rates as was Agreed for by your Brother afore his death and

p. 348 this wee do willingly and freely in an earnest desire if it be Possible to beget in your Lordship better apprehensions and Constructions of our bound affection and Loyalty to your Honour then hitherto we conceive through our hard fortune you have been pleased to understand of us and with this humble Request also that your Lordship will be pleased to Ratify and Confirm under your hand and Seal without further disturbance such disposit<sup>n</sup> as is already made of your Lordships former stock and other Personall Estate here for the recovery and defence of your Lordships Province according to the engagement and disposition thereof made by M<sup>r</sup> Calvert before his death as will appear by several Oaths to that Purpose taken herewith and verily that litle of your Lordships known clear personal estate lost since the first Rebellion was in truth so small as that it was not Considerable when it was to Come in Ballance with the Safety of the Province which as the then present Condition of things stood hung upon so ticklish a pin as that unless such a disposition had been made thereof an absolute ruin and subversion of the whole Province inevitably have followed which had it so happened we your honour might have had far more just Cause of indignation against your then Governor for so small a Triffle to have endangered the Province then now in honour justice or Conscience you may when thereby alone your Lordships Province was then and is still Preserved in true and due Obedience to your Honour especially (as we hant often said) your Lordships whole estate here being disposed of bound & made Over by your dear Brother afore his death for the Satisfaction of the aforesaid Charges the which being done & new and Clear understanding

p. 349 procured between your Honour and us your poor people here we do farther humbly request your Lordship that hereafter such things as your Lordship may desire of us may be done with as little Swearing as Conveniently may be Experience teaching us that a great Occasion is given to much Perjury when swearing becometh Common forfeitures perhaps will be more Efficacious to keep men honest then swearing Oaths little prevail upon men of little Conscience and lastly we do