

Liber A. incurred w^tsoeu^r But being prevented by Death. Thomas Greene Esq his L^{ps} Gouverno^r is hereby willing to confirme the same. And doth hereby acquitt the s^d John Dandy from all such penalties & censures.

Tho: Greene

[Letter of Edward Hill.]

p. 68 Honored S^{rs}

June 22th I doubt not but yo^w are familiar, to such unhappy passages, as were the first inducem^{ts} to mee, for the entertainem^t of the gouern^t of Mary-Land. And although the spetious pretence of th^t clause of (absence) in the Gouverno^{rs} Commisⁿ was the whole pretended title of a reinuation. I am confident it would not be held sufficient to the usage of force (euen by his L^p) agst his L^{ps} gouern^t then instated one me for these ensuing reasons.

first. The late Gouverno^r being out of the Prouince had not power to grant Commisⁿ for to rule them.

2^{ly} His L^{ps} Counsell had then the immediate power, in the Election & choyce of a Gouvern^r w^{ch} as the state of things then stood, they supposed it absolutely necessary for the safty of the Prouince to confirme mee independent of any contradiction but his L^p and this by Assembly.

3^{ly} If the late inuasion should be held lawfull, I doubt not but yo^w are sensible to what a slavery the Kings freeborne subiects & soe consequently yo^rselfes are inuolued in when the single power of the Gouverno^r should disanull his owne, and the country's Act, by a Countermand, his owne, I say, though acted by another person.

Gentlemen I presume upon this to make this position, th^t the gouern^t of the s^d prouince is as inherent to mee, till his L^{ps} pleasure be further knowne, as his L^{ps} right in the s^d Province, or as yo^w his Counsell. What insufferable losses both of fortunes, & credit I haue sustayned, I doubt not, but report hath brought it to yo^w But inducem^t of freinds wth the throngs of those, th^t haue bene ruined by the uniuert breach of the Composition are dayly clamorous in my eares. Soe th^t euen Justice, if not credit, or losse will force me, I feare, to some strange ouerture in th^t busines. I am altogether unwilling to moue the stone violently, what inundation, losse, & ruine it will produce to the whole, I am not ignorant of, I had rather some moderate way were taken for the satisfaction on all sides. Occasion (by the death of the late Gentlⁿ) is now bald all discontents may be easily pacified, & brought to good tearmes of qualification Peace may breath a quiett possessⁿ unto them, & every one there resident. But if the storme once breake out, it is to be feared, th^t proceeding from such