

as much out of fear as Love, & others kept out of the way, but since then, as the common people of all Countrys hate Restraint of any kind, how much soever it may be to their Advantage, the Enemies of the Law have found out their own strength & threaten to leave out every Body that was in any manner the Promoter of it, however I hope it will not be quite so bad with us as they threaten & that they will be disappointed in many places & I cannot but flatter myself, that we shall be able to moderate many of those that are even chosen against our Inclinations & your Lordship may be assured, that I shall make use of all the Power you intrust me with, for this purpose, without any other selfish views of my own than the Honour & Credit of answering your Lordships Expectations, & of bringing the people by gentle & easy means to pursue their own Interest & to increase the Trade & prosperity of the Province.

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M<sup>r</sup> D. I hope will get both his sons into the Lower house & I cannot but flatter myself, that the gentle Rubs I have given him may have a good Effect. I gave him to understand, that your Lordship had Reason to expect from me, that those I gave the most considerable places to, should do your Lordship proportional Services, otherwise you might think I followed my own inclinations more than your real Interest, if his sons should both get in & behave well, I suppose he will think himself fully entitled to the favour he asks & indeed in such a Case I propose to oblige him, as your Lordship has left it to my Discretion. In your Lordships last Letter, your words seem to emply the whole office for the son, but half of it was all that has been asked for & as this will be enough to oblige them & to keep others likewise in Expectation, I hope your Lordship will never consent to more upon any future Application.

A little after my Arrival here I writ to your Lordship about your Mannor in Baltimore County & M<sup>r</sup> Tasker did the same, but neither of us as yet has received any Commands from your Lordship upon the Subject, & we are at the greater Loss what to do, as one M<sup>r</sup> Arnold has received full Powers from the heir at Law of M<sup>r</sup> Brerewood & his Creditors to sell or let it as he shall find it most for their Interest, Supposing the Title to have been in M<sup>rs</sup> Brerewood it seems rightly enough conveyed by her (according to S<sup>r</sup> Dudley Riders Advice) to the old man for the use of her husband & his Creditors & in the year 1745 I find he made a further consignment of it to his Creditors pursuant to the Act for Insolvent Debtors of which he had taken the Benefit, and it is very probable that upon a hearing at home, the Chancelor, or where I hope it may rather come, the Privy Council may think the Claim of the Creditors further strengthened by your Lordships long Silence, not only during old Brerewood's possession but for so long a time after his death, so that I cannot help thinking that no Time should be lost whatever your Lordship intends to do. I find they have a Patent signed in the year