

“Mr. Bordley (being sent for) appears and being asked by his Honour, whether he conceived and insisted on it, that by virtue of his Honour’s letter of the fifteenth of September last, he was discharged from being a Member of the Council? Answered, that when he received the said letter, he did think so, and that he was of the same opinion still; and then withdrew.—After Mr. Bordley had withdrawn, his Honour expressed himself as follows.”

Contemporary Printed Pamphlet Md.Hist.Soc. p. 118

Gentlemen of the Upper House,

“As the Lord Proprietor has an undoubted right to discharge, as well as make a Counsellor, and that his appointment of one is the only qualification by which he is a Member of your House; I am of your opinion, that Mr. Bordley’s being discharged from the Council, of course discharges him from the Upper House of Assembly. And as to the legality of what is done, I have particular instructions from his Lordship relating to Mr. Bordley, with a full power of dismissing him.”

Charles Calvert.

An Address of the Upper House of Assembly, presented to his Honour the Governor, by Colonel William Holland, one of their Members, viz. p. 119

To the Honourable Charles Calvert Esq. Governor of the Province of Maryland, The humble Address of the Upper House of Assembly.

May it please your Honour,

“Your Honour’s asserting his Lordship’s undoubted right of discharging any Members of his Lordship’s Honourable Council from acting as such (of which we never in the least doubted) together with your acquainting us, that you had a particular instruction from his Lordship in relation to Mr. Bordley, and a full power to dismiss him, thereby to convince us of the legality of his discharge, induces us to apprehend, that your Honour resents our making it a question, in our answer to your speech at the opening of this session, whether he was legally discharged or not? And therefore, in the humblest manner, we think it our duty to represent to your Honour, that we could not well answer the question proposed to us, without that reserve. For as your Honour had never been pleased to communicate to us your reason for discharging Mr. Bordley, the manner of doing it, or the power his Lordship had given for that purpose, and for that his being a Member of the Upper House of Assembly depended upon that of his being at the same time of the Council, we could not give an answer to the one, without making it conditional with respect to the other. So that we hope you will not interpret that sentence, as questioning his Lordship’s power, &c.” p. 120

The Remarker says, “This case is so fully in point, that I shall only observe upon it, in general, that the right of the Proprietor to