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unreasonable, to take from the clergy one-fourth part of their incomes, without any just grounds, or equivalent given to them, and a transgression of the law of 1702, for the clergy's support and maintenance; his Lordship therefore dissented to the above tobacco act of 1728, in January the 30th, 1729, O. S.

The above circumstance is well known in Maryland, and shews the peculiar regard the Lords of his Majesty's Council had for the rights of the Proprietor. Several instances of the like application for redress, have happened in the time of former Proprietors, which has never been refused when properly applied for: the present Proprietor is easy of access, and will occasion no more trouble or expence to the party, than is really necessary on so essential and beneficial a point as that of redress.

p. 159 By this time, Sir, I apprehend I have most fully answered the material points in the Querist's Queries, and the Pamphleteer's Remarks upon the constitution of the Province of Maryland; and have laid open and exposed to public view their ill-grounded suspicions, false facts, and fallacious reasonings. The envy, hatred, and malice interspersed throughout their puerile performances, have carried them beyond all bounds. By frequent inuendo's, and sometimes by open, barefaced calumny, they have endeavoured to traduce and asperse the character of the present Lord Baltimore their Proprietor, invested by Charter under the Crown, with almost regal power; abstracted from which, he is a gentleman of high birth, liberal education, great abilities, and unblemished honour; of a friendly and humane turn of mind, and strictly upright in all his dealings. If he is tenacious of his rights, it is because he would not injure his successor; but he can occasionally give them up, when he thinks the necessity of the times require it. Shall worth like this, be vilely bespattered with the dirt of low, groveling, anonymous scribblers, who work like moles under ground, and dare not face the light?

p. 160 The Querist, influenced by the same envenomed malice, has by initial letters and inuendo's, aimed unjustly to abuse the uncle of the Lord-Proprietor, his Lordship's Provincial Secretary; nor has his pen spared the Governor, who, by all accounts, is an honourable, generous, open, and just man, and far from being wanting in abilities either civil or military. As a proof of the latter, his late Majesty honoured him with the command in chief of all his forces, until his Majesty's General arrived in America, upon whose arrival, he resigned his command, with general applause for his good conduct.

With the same reason and cause, these scribblers have fallen foul upon the Upper House of Assembly, without bringing real reasons to support their invective allegations.

I shall here Sir, put an end to what I promised you in the beginning of this letter, my animadversions on the most remarkable passages in the two very extraordinary productions. Truth will