

George Baltimore to the King.  
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Most Gracious and dread Sovereigne,

Small benefits and favors can speake and give thanks, but such as are high, and unvaleweable cause astonishment and silence. I am obliged unto your Majesty for the later in such a measure as reflecting upon my weaknesse and want of merit I know not what to say. God Almighty knows who is the searcher of hearts how myne earnes to sacrifice my self for your Majesty's service, if I did but know how to employ my endeavors worthy of that great goodnesse and benignity which your Majesty is pleased to extend towards me upon all occasions, not only by reaching your Gracious and Royall hand to my assistance in lending me a faire shipp (for which upon my knees I render your Majesty most humble thankes) but by protecting me also against calumny and malice which hath already sought to make me seeme fowle in your Majesty's eyes. Whereas I am so much the more confident of God's blessing upon my labours in these plantations (notwithstanding the many crosses and disasters I have found hitherto) in that a Prince so eminently virtuous hath vouchsafed to take it into the armes of his protection, and that those who go about to supplant and destroy me are persons notoriously lewd and wicked. Such a one is that audacious man who being banished the Colony for his misdeeds did the last wynter (as I understand) raise a false and slanderous report of me at Plymouth, which comming from thence to your Majesty's knowledge, you were pleased to referre to some of my Lords of the Councill, by whose honorable hands (for avoyding the ill manners of drawing this letter to too much length) I have presumed to returne my just and true Apologies to your Majesty.

But as these rubbs have beene layd to stumble me there, (which discourage me not because I am confident of your Majesty's singular judgement and justice, so have I mett with greater difficultyes and encumbrances here which in this place are no longer to be resisted, but enforce me presently to quitt my residence, and to shift to some other warmer climate of this new world, where the wynters be shorter and lesse rigorous. For here, your Majesty may please to understand that I have