

My Lord

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I Had the Honour of your Lordship's Letter of the second of June by the Baltimore, on the 23^d instant, wherein your Lordship is pleased to make no doubt of such a Compliance with your Lordship's Sentiments lately made known to me, As that your Lordship may Have no reason to suspect my good intentions.

I Desire, my Lord, no better Test of my sincerity, And I Hope my Conduct Last Sessions will prove beyond Every possible Surmise, That If ever I should seem to Have acted or advised contrary to your Lordships pleasure or Interest, It was wholly owing to my Misconception of them, And not to the Least Deviation from my principle of Gratitude & integrity, towards your Lordship, which could only Characterise me with want of Comon Sense or Comon Honesty, & perhaps both.

As your Lordship would not Have any bill for provision of Arms passed Inconsistent with the usuall way of issuing the money by the Govern^r & Councill, I shall for my part observe your Lordships Comands

Your Lordship Is pleased to inquire, why the Levy bill was passed by the Govern^r in the first Sessions after the Refusall of the 3^d for Arms, by the Lo: Ho: I beg leave to acquaint Your Lordship, That Bill of 12000 & odd pounds was passed imediately on opening the Session by the advice of Every One (Except my self) previous to any other Business, on a pretence of necessity that the Sheriffs might Compleat their Collections: But As I Had not the least Share in advising but absolutely against that passage, till I Heard of Your Lordships permission, I am Sure your Lordship will not think me accountable: I will not say, which of Your Lordships friends Had their own interest Concerned; But I can truly avow, I Had not, For I even avoided putting in my Claim of fees which the Upper House in the Last Session of the Late Governour Had referred to Another Session: The First Passage of That Bill was such a Mistaken Peice of Policy in more than One Respect, That this Government must for sometime in all probability feel the effects of it.

I am truly rejoiced, If M^r Soll^r Murray entertains a different opinion from what He Expressed on Your Lordships Consultation with Him, and the Late Soll^r. And Although I then told Your Lordship I could not see That affair in so strong a Light, agst your Lordship as He did, yet your Lordships deference to His judgement occasioned the Instructions then given.

I Hope Your Lordship Has received Our Treaty with the Indians, And that it meets with your Lordships Approbation, More Especially, as the Virginia Assembly absolutely refused Last month to advance or Contribute one farthing on Account of Their Treaty; By which means The whole Expence is to be defrayed out of the Quit rent Revenue in that Colony.