

P.iii TO ALL TRUE PATRIOTS, AND SINCERE LOVERS OF LIBERTY.

Gentlemen,

The following Sheets are not made publick, because the Author of them is fond of appearing in Print; but because the Representatives, of the People of Maryland, whose Request, bears the weight of a Command, with him, desired they should be publish'd. The Design is *honest*, and what every Body ought to wish, had been undertaken by a Person more *equal* to it; that the Right contended for, might have appeared in its *proper* Lustre; and all Objections to it,

P.iv have been obviated, as I am firmly persuaded they may be. For my *own Part*, I shall think my Time very well spent, if the Objections, with which I expect this *weak* Performance will be encourt'ed; or a *generous* Concern, to see so *good* a Subject, so weakly managed, excites some able Lover of Liberty, to establish the Truths, which I have faintly endeavour'd to establish. I heartily wish this may happen, as well as every Thing else, conducive to the Prosperity of the Province of Maryland; and am, very sincerely,

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient, and
Faithful, Humble Servant,

D. DULANY.

P.i THE RIGHT OF THE INHABITANTS OF MARYLAND,
TO THE BENEFIT OF THE ENGLISH LAWS.

As there has been a pretty warm Contest, concerning *The Right of the Inhabitants of Maryland, to the Benefit of the English Laws*; as well *Statute as Common*: And as the Matter is in Dispute, and it is of the utmost Consequence to be at a Certainty about it; It behoves every Man, that has any Regard to, or Interest in the Country, to use his utmost Endeavour to put it in a true Light: For as *Laws* are absolutely necessary, for the good Government, and Welfare, of Society, so, it is necessary, that People should have some Notion of those Laws, which are to be the Rule of their Conduct; and for the Transgression of which, They will be liable to be punished, notwithstanding their Ignorance. If this be necessary? as without Doubt it is; Then it is certainly of the greatest Importance to know, whether a People are to be governed by *Laws*, which their *Mother-Country* has experimentally found, to be beneficial to Society, and adapted to the Genius, and Constitution of their Ancestors; or to compose a new Set of *Laws*, which will be attended with very great Difficulties; and an Expence, vastly disproportionable to the Country, in its present Circumstances. Or