

Cæcilius &c^a To our right trusty and Wellbeloved Will^m Liber M C
Stone Esq^r our Lieu^t of our said Province of Maryland and to P. 424
our right trusty and well Beloved the upper and Lower house
of our General Assembly there and to all other our Officers
and Inhabitants of our said Province Greeting we cannot but
much wonder at a message which we understand was lately P. 425
sent by one M^r Lloyd from some lately seated at Ann Arundell
within our said Province of Maryland to our General Assem-
bly held at Saint Marys in March last but are unwilling to
impute either to the Sender or deliverer thereof so malign a
sence of Ingratitude and other ill Affections as it may seem to
bear conceiving rather that it Proceeded from some apprehen-
sions in them at that time grounded upon some reports in
those parts of a disolution or Resignation here of our Patent
and right to that Province which might perhaps for the present
make them doubtful what to do till they had more certain in-
telligence thereof from hence and we hope they are as willing
as we that we should so understand it wherein we shall be the
more Confirmed if upon finding by Letters this year from their
Friends here (and in particular from M^r Harrison those
Rumours and Reports to be false (as they are) which we are
informd were spread their by some ill Affected Persons they
shall for the future Give us better Satisfaction of their inten-
tions and integrety towards us not only by Conforming them-
selves with the rest of the Inhabitants to the General Govern-
ment of that Province under which they did Voluntarily put
themselves but also by Concurring in all reasonable things with
us for the publick peace and happiness of that Province as well
as for the firm establishment and preservation of our right
there and especially in those Laws which their own Burgesses
in a former General Assembly together with the other members
thereof have already Consented unto and unto which we farther
full Satisfaction sent last year our Assent with such alterations
as they themselves desired as by our said Assent under our
hand and Greater Seal at Arms transmitted thither more at
large appears unto which we refer you (those Laws Providing P. 426
as much for the Good and Security of the People their as for
our own) in Consideration therefore of a better Compliance
from those People with us and our Government there for the
future we shall not any further expostulate or make any further
Reflection on that message till further occasion Given us by