

selfe the trouble of delivering this to yo<sup>r</sup>, by whom  
if yo<sup>r</sup> returne yo<sup>r</sup> acceptance, & that the urgency of  
yo<sup>r</sup> affaires might permit as the honour to see your  
selfe at yo<sup>r</sup> Conference, Both yo<sup>r</sup> Secretary unless  
hindered by yo<sup>r</sup> interposall of some unexpected and  
pressing occasion, would come he wayte, <sup>by yo<sup>r</sup></sup> at the  
time of yo<sup>r</sup> pleasure. And in yo<sup>r</sup> meanes time am

Hon. S<sup>r</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> most humble servant  
William Berkeley.

The Count Gualt. his answer be:

Most Honoured S<sup>r</sup>

I have received yo<sup>r</sup> letter by yo<sup>r</sup> hands of M<sup>r</sup> Bennett  
& have acquainted his Ex<sup>ty</sup> Council here with yo<sup>r</sup> desire  
therein, who are most willing to serve yo<sup>r</sup> Country, and  
are ready to ingne on any thing, w<sup>ch</sup> may conduce to  
improving our only comodity at present Tobacco,  
w<sup>ch</sup> wee as well as yo<sup>r</sup> are so sensible is of soe meane  
a value, & wee can hardly subsist by it, & this chiefly  
occasioned by yo<sup>r</sup> vast quantities yo<sup>r</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> planted, both  
in Virginia & Maryland.

Of this wee are sufficiently satisfied, & have long  
laboured & studied a meanes to aduance, for w<sup>ch</sup> if any  
expedient may be found, none I am certaine are eno<sup>ugh</sup>  
ready to embrace than our selves, soe much wee have  
desired it, that wee have only expected yo<sup>r</sup> ingning w<sup>th</sup>  
us, w<sup>ch</sup> out w<sup>ch</sup> wee conceived it not possibly to be effe<sup>ct</sup>  
ed to our advantage.

yo<sup>r</sup> having bene pleased S<sup>r</sup> to signify yo<sup>r</sup> desire to  
wants it, wee shall most cheerefully ingne w<sup>th</sup> yo<sup>r</sup>, and I  
doubt not but his M<sup>ty</sup> will find as ready a Compliance  
from us in Obedience to his Royall Comonnds, as from  
any other his Subjects.