

immediately to the Ship) for my Letter, You must not expect so perhap
but or so long an Answer as I might otherwise trouble you with. It gives
me great pleasure to find that you have been able to get something
done for the Doctor, I congratulate him thereon & as I most sincerely wish
it I cannot but flatter myself that as Affairs have again taken another
Turn you will be soon able to procure for him something more desirable &
more proportionable to his Merit. (I am glad to find by your Letter as
well as by one that I have received from M^r Calvert that the Roman
Catholics of this Province have not so much Interest at home as they
would have me believe, His L^{dy} has confirmed the Act ag^t which they
petitioned & for passing which they regard me as a professed Enemy.
One Mr Charles Carroll who is at the Head of that Sect & is possessed
of a Fortune of £30,000 or £40,000 s^g among us has taken a passage to
England in a Vessel that lately sailed hence & will probably be in London
before this can be told, what his Views or Intentions are in taking such a
Voyage at this time I know not, It has been said that he has Thoughts
of leaving Maryland & carrying his Fortune to Europe, He has a Son
about 22 Years of Age now at Paris & if he should determine to spend the
remainder of his Life in Europe it is not improbable that he will take
up his Residence in some part of France as he seems by sending his Son
to that Kingdom while he was very young & by supporting him there since he
has finished his Studies to prefer that Country. He is a sensible Man, has
read much & is well acquainted with the Constitution & Strength of these
our American Colonies. If he is inclined to give the Enemy any Intelligence about
our American Affairs None is more capable, but indeed I do not conceive that
he has any such Inclination. He was heretofore a bitter Enemy to the L^{dy}
proprietary but having behaved with Moderation since I came hither he was
on good Terms till I incurred his Displeasure by assenting to an Act which
I thought equitable & which you say appears to you in the same Light.