

## An Epistolar P R E F A C E.

selves, accide others of it, I for endeavouring to prevent it? Whoever considers the Proceedings, now Publish'd, will find, beyond Dispute and in spight of all the Methods taken to amuse them, that this Assembly has not been for Changing but Establishing the Constitution of their Country. Let therefore all that Love themselves and their Country, however Neighbourly and Charitable to these Men in other respects, take care how they are led by their Counsels in any Matters that concern the Publick.

But because English Liberties are herein before mentioned as a part of the Constitution of Maryland, some unacquainted, may desire to know what those Liberties are; the Answer is this. They are the same Liberties that this Province hath ever enjoy'd, when Right took place. But if they require a further and more particular Satisfaction, let them peruse the little Book last published, entituled, ENGLISH LIBERTIES, and they will find therein such useful Instructions for all sorts of People whether Judges or Jurors, Ministerial or Judicial Officers, Electors or Delegates, nay even for the Satisfying and removing such Scruples as are most mischievously rais'd against the Protestant Succession of the Crown, that scarce any will deny it to be a proper Instructor in the true Notion of English Liberty, nor will they think their Labour ill bestowed that read it.

There is another Book which is Recommended to publick Use, by the following Letter, viz.

Reverend SIR,

I Have Consider'd what should be the cause of that Irrigation and great Decay of Christian Piety amongst your Parishioners which you Complain of, and I take it to be chiefly owing to their want of being fully convinc'd of the Truth of reveal'd Religion: For, would any Man continue in a wicked Course of Life, if he were firmly perswaded he should be Dam'd for it at his Death? and, Who would not strive to be Sav'd, that believ'd Salvation?

Thus Sir, I have told you what I take to be the Distemper, and for a Remedy, besides that of using your own Endeavours, I advise you to Recommend the perusal of the little Book, entituled, A short and easy Method with the Drifts, and the second Part to the Jews, which, I doubt not, will be of great Service to those that read it with Consideration and Sincerity: (Pray God it may) But I beseech you, Dear Sir, so Lead your own Life, as if you Believ'd what you Preach. Consider well what Saint Paul said to the Romans in the Second Chapter 21st, 22d, 23 and 24th Verses, and to the Philippians, Chapter III, 17, 18, 19 and 20th Verses. And \* Take heed unto thy self as 1 Tim. 4. 16. well as unto thy Doctrine. That + whil'st you Preach to others, you your self be not a Cast-away, and make more such by your Example, than proselytes by your Precepts. I am sincerely your Friend,

SABASTIAN.

To Conclude, if what is now published be any Service to the Inhabitants of Maryland and prove a help to their better Understanding the Affairs of their Country; and that the Books they are refer'd to, prove useful Instructions to them, both in Affairs of Church and State, it will answer the end of the Publication. And it is to be wish'd that such Gentlemen, as yearly send for Goods to England, would supply themselves with those Books, tho' they should send for five or six Ounces of Tea the less, they will scarce cost them above Three Shillings each, and if they have any tolerable Palate, one may venture to engage, that the Relish of the Books will exceed that of the Tea, and prove far more Wholsome.

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