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[Prerogative Ord. of 1754. 6, 473.]

Sir

Your Lett.r of the 15th & 21st Inst. have been rec.d & laid before this Day's Council by whose Advice I now desire & recommend it to You to take Yr Evidences before some Provincial or County Magistrate & let them make Oath to the Truth of wt You allege ag.st Mr Bridgly & several other Persons of Baltimore County, the Magistrate will thereupon issue his Warrant & have the Offenders brought before him, & on their Appearance will bind them over to the next Court for that County at which You will attend with Yr Witnesses & I shall give Orders to the Attorney General to do his Duty on that Occasion. I hope that by this Means all Cause of future Complaints from Gent.n who may be sent hither on the Recruiting Service will be removed & that an effectual Stop will be put to such violent Proceedings as are mentioned in y.r Lett.r. You may be assured that I shall always to the utmost of my Power encourage & promote the Service in which You are engaged, & from his past Conduct I flatter Myself y.t Gent.n to whom You say You applied will by his Behaviour on this Occasion convince You that None is more disposed than himself to forward & promote his Majesty's Service & the Success of his Officers.

Annapolis
26. Aug.t 1754

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