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one thousand six hundred & fifty nine for procuring an Act of Assembly in
Maryland for a Custom of two shillings for every hhd. of tob. Exported
from thence to any Port of Great Britain or Ireland, & of ten shillings for
every hhd. Exported to any other Port, & possessed the People there with
apprehensions, as if he had orders from us which he never had, that in case
such a Law did not pass, to put in present Execution the Act for Customs
made January one thousand, six hundred forty six, for the payment of ten
shillings p hhd. exported out of that Province. We thought fit hereby to
declare to them what our proceedings have truly been & what our Intenti-
ons & desires are in that matter (Viz. / Hearing of some Complaints against
the Act for Customs made in the year 1646 as if it had been extorted by force
or fear from the Assembly there, which nevertheless we are satisfied by some
yet living that were then present it was not, & that it would be too
burthenome to the People there & a great discouragement to Trade if that
Law should in that particular of ten shillings a hhd. be put in Execution
We ordered the said Fendall (which it seems he wickedly concealed from
the People to suspend the execution of the said Act, & by our Commission to
him bearing date the sixteenth of November 1659 We authorised him to repeal
the said Act with the Consent of the Assembly there in case upon Condition
that other Law concerning two shillings a hhd. above mentioned were
passed by the Assembly there instead thereof Alledging in our Letter
of the Seventeenth of November how reasonable a Demand it was in com-
pare to the Taxes which were Granted in Virginia to that End nor can
We but be still Confident that all those who understand any thing of the
nature of Government & of the necessity to support it for the Peoples
Benefit & Protection & that have any good Affection for us & our Right
there will think it reasonable to settle some considerable Revenue in the
way of Custom or otherwise for the support of the Government & pub-
lick Uses there in the same manner as their neighbours & all other Colonys
do, & to show to the World that we desire no more We do hereby authorise
& require our dear Brother Philip Calvert Esq. our Lieuten. of the said Province
in our name with the Consent of the next General Assembly there to repeal the
said Act for Customs made in the year 1646 upon Condition that another
Act in Lieu thereof be passed at the same time by the said Assembly & assented
to in our name by our said Lieutenant, whereby we & our Heirs & our
their Lieutenant or other Officers there for the Time being Who shall be
from time to time authorised by us for that purpose may be empowered
to levy upon the People from time to time inhabiting or being in & trading
to Maryland for the support of the Government & publick Uses there such
Customs Taxes & Dutys proportionably & no more as at the same time are
or shall be payable in Virginia by the people of that Colony for the like
purpose & Uses there respectively beyond which We do not desire that the