

last, I shall have to recommend to your Consideration several important
affairs for the good Government and Welfare of His Majesty's Subjects of this
Province.

Gentlemen, You are sensible the act respecting the Gauge
and Tax of Tobacco, passed on the 29th day of September ensuing this
act contains three particulars essential to your ease and prosperity -
1st The provision for Support of Government -
2^d The Equivalent given in lieu of your Quit Rents and Alienation Fines,
and, 3^d The Regulation of your Tobacco Trade, the Staple and Growth
of Maryland.

I must here acquaint you that I have wrote in very proper
terms to their Lordships, for instructions on the supporting of Government,
and on the equivalent for your Quit Rents and the ^{my} Correspondents
inform me my letters have been delivered, I have not yet received their
Commands thereon, occasioned, as I presume, by the long course of
of contrary winds which the arrivall of the ships expected
from London, so that I must confine myself to offer you my own
Sentiments on them -

As for the support of Government the very mentioning of it
implies the necessity of a proper provision to be made, for maintaining
the Honor and Character of your Government and other Judicial and
Ministerial officers with which when ordered to be laid before you for
your consent your Compliance is not Doubted -

The Law that relates to your Quit Rents as it now stands, took
its rise from my observation of the wrong done the late Lord Proprietor
in the collecting and from the manifold Inconveniences and difficulties
the tenants labored under in the paying them in the Order to Redress both
I proposed the expedient of adding Six pence per Acre to the Eighteen pence
formerly given to be in full Satisfaction for your Quit Rents and aliena-
tion Fines this with much difficulty (as you may remember) was
obtained and now after some years Experience I have the pleasure
to find our Proprietors here has ever received so great an Annual Income
as the present Lord has done since the passing that act, nor were ever
the Tenants better pleased or more easy in the possession -

It is obvious my view in laying that scheme was principally to
promote a Common good, that oblig'd me to represent it to their
ships as I now recommend it to you that it may be again con-
sidered and enacted, but that you may be able to correct the Justice
and Convenience of this act against the designing Intermixtures of its
Self interested accusers, who on pretence of Friendship, would
impose on his Lordship to his own and the Country's disadvantage. It
will require your Care to compare the value of the Quit Rents with the