

in a certain Lott. in the Town of Cambridge in Dorchester County
 and to the act Entituled An act for the Relief of Benj: Howard in
 making good the survey of Howards purchase, and also to the
 act Entituled An act Empowering certain Commissioners to
 dispose of the remaining part of the personall Estate which
 were of Tho: Smithson late of Dorchester County Gent: and
 Thomas Smithson late of Talbot County Esq: dec: and also the
 Lopes damages and costs by Thomas Hicks Gent. and John
 Davis son and heir at Law of Jeremiah Davis sustained as also
 to Value the Lands whereof the said Thomas Smithson of Talbot
 County dyed seized and to dispose of so much of the said personall
 Estates and the Lands as will satisfy the said Thomas Hicks
 and the said John Davis for their damages Lopes and costs
 sustained by means of a Warranty of Lands from the said
 Thomas Smithson of Dorchester County and the said Thomas
 Smithson of Talbot County to the said Thomas Hicks and
 Jeremiah Davis made, and likewise to the act Entituled An
 act to supply certain defects in the conveying Lands from
 Henry Gibbs son and heir of Edwards Gibbs some time of Somerset
 County in the province of Maryland dec: to Benj: Lawrence
 John Belt and Lucy his wife heirs of Benj: Lawrence some time
 of Calvert County in the same province dec: and doe hereby
 declare the said acts null void and of no effect trusting that
 under my Government the province will continue (as it has
 from its infancy) to flourish by an unbiased admin:con of the
 Law in the established Courts of Justice

It would have been much more acceptable if the
 regard you acknowledge yourselves willing to have to our sentiments
 relating to the act of officers fees had produced something more
 adequate to our judgments thereof rather than a desire in your
 Gentlemen of the Lower House that as people and plenty increase
 in a Country so ought the rewards of those who for their Law know-
 ledge and integrity are employd in the severall offices of Govern-
 ment in a due Execution whereof so much the happiness of the
 people depends and therefore that you yourselves may once more have
 an opportunity to make the proper addition rather than continue
 such demerits at your request I have not yet dissent'd there

Gent: of the Upper and Lower Houses - the satisfaction you
 Express with our appointment of a Gentleman to be your Governour,
 who will I am confident use his utmost Endeavours in conjunction
 with me to make you a most happy people myself a happy
 Proprietary and both acceptable to his most Gracious Majesty