

far the Law was repugnant to the Statute of Queen Ann, their Sentiments & my own at that time I have already taken the Liberty to communicate, & for their parts they will not yet be persuaded to entertain a contrary Opinion, As I did some time since write, how, wherefore, & how much, the Law has affected the paper Currency I would not presume to reply after His Ldp has considered & taken Advice on the Affair, but I hope you will pardon me for taking some notice of that part of your Letter which expresses your Apprehensions least the Neighbouring provinces should advantage themselves of such a Regulation or Valuation of Coin among us. Were we indeed to borrow of those Provinces your fears would not be without foundation but I will assure you & am confident that is by no means the Case with Maryland at present; did our Circumstances incline us or oblige us to become Borrowers, Virginia has not money to lend, that Colony on the contrary is in extreme want of Cash & I am credibly informed that scarce a month passes but Virginians come to Maryland for Gold & Silver & leave their Bonds & Land Deeds in the Custody of His Ldps Tenants. In Pensilvania Gold & Silver passes as it is valued in our Law, the Trade of that province being very considerable requires a good deal of Circulating Cash & indeed the want they feel of more Money among them is the Reason they are so importunate for leave to strike more paper it seems to be universally agreed here that the Regulation of the Tob^o Law gives us an advantage with respect to that Province & tho' some of our Bills of Excha are carried thither for Gold & Silver I am convinced we must be the only Gainers by such an Inter-course & Communication. His Ldps Instructions concerning any future Act to regulate Ordinaries shall be most punctually obeyed as shall His Ldps pleasure signified with respect to the Lands on Nanticoke as soon as I can see Col^o Lloyd whom I expect in Town within a day or two & I will then advise with him concerning some other Articles that you have been pleased to notice in your Lett^r as well as his Ldps Instructions. You will I hope believe & assure his Ldp that no pains & Endeavours have been wanting on my part to procure a speedy Completion & Transmission of the Rent Rolls in Obedience to his Ldp's repeated Instructions & I promise you I will not let the proper Officers have any Rest or Quiet till they have performed that Duty. M^r Goldsborough arrived in Town last night & this Day according to his Ldps Appointment took his place as one of His Ldp's Council, & I flatter myself His Ldp will never have Cause to be displeased at my Recommendation. As His Ldp desires I will mention some other Gentlemen that I esteem most worthy of the same honour, beside M^r Dulany who was thrown out of the Assembly

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