

Answer. I ordered him to take immediate possession of my Lords Houses and Estates which he did; for the other matters of the Petition being of a publick nature I thought it the safest and most prudent way to proferr them to the General Assembly that was then approaching, they had the Petition before them, they debated & voted upon it, and gave in writing their opinion with their reasons at large all which I have herewith sent your Lordship

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2<sup>d</sup> Objection. That I should suffer some shipping to go home not going in fleets contrary to my instructions.

Answer. The several Masters petitioned the General Assembly then sitting (who earnestly intreated for them to me) to have their permitts shewing their convenient numbers and strength and going in company with the two Brownes who had letters of Marte obteyned by M<sup>r</sup> Bayly a merchant in London, and their utter ruine if stayed, and other cogent reasons given me in writing by the Assembly prevailed with me to do it. All these likewise I have herewith sent your Lordship.

3<sup>rd</sup> objection. That I should pass an Act to bring in money against my instructions.

Answer. There is a speciall saveing in the Act for all the Kings dues and Revenues ariseing here, the rates raised are on Foreign coyne only, and those no higher than in our neighbouring Collonies, the Assembly would not have passed the other Acts for support of Government if I had denyed this, and it continues but for three years.

4<sup>th</sup> objection. That I refused to swear M<sup>r</sup> Frisby one of the Councill he being named in my Instructions.

Answer. M<sup>r</sup> Frisby was generally represented to me to be one greatly disaffected to the present Government, and many instances given me whereby itt appeared he was one of the ringleaders of the disaffected party; besides he told me he was soon leaving this country with his family, and he has since gone for England.

5<sup>th</sup> objection. That I put a stop to his Agents receiving the fourteen pence Tunnage.

Answer. That the General Assembly has declared that duty to have been given for the use of the Country and never intended for the use of the Lord Baltemore and it is now settled upon their Maj<sup>ties</sup> for ever and I was desired by the Assembly to cause it to be collected and send the Bills for England which I have done and lodged them in M<sup>r</sup> Peter Pagan's custody to remeyne till their Maj<sup>ties</sup> further pleasure be known therein.