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their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Royal Assent to an Act to invest the same in their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Heirs and Successors for ever it seeming very unequal to them that the Crowne of England should be at that charge of building Forts which is absolutely necessary for secureing shipp in time of war and secureing their Maj<sup>ties</sup> dueties in both tyme of peace and warr and the Lord Baltimore receive the money given by his Maj<sup>ties</sup> subjects for that end and purpose which is esteemed worth eight hundred pounds sterling p ann., but more especially when we consider the great revenue His Maj<sup>tys</sup> clemency hath still allowed and afforded his Lordshipp out of this Province and how litle it cost him and his Father in secureing the land it being chiefly peopled at first by unpeopling their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Colony of Virginia invited in hither with their families and estates by a more fertile soil and the specious pretence of liberty of conscience.

3<sup>rdly</sup> As to the demand of the fines and amerciaments untill the late happy revolution soe farr as they were legall his Lordship wee humbly conceive ought to have them but what hath since legally accrued and forever for the future are the undoubted rights of the Crowne of England the one ariseing from the breach of their Majesties Laws the other an antient Prerogative of the Crowne by Custome immemoriall for their false clamour in his Courts of Judicaturcs.

4<sup>thly</sup> As to the demand of waifs strays wilde horses and wilde hoggs this house say that such a Franchise can no way suite with the nature and constitution of this Province nor any new seated Plantation the same being very numerous and the Country uncleared of wood and every man's Tract of land so lardge that it is impossible to fence the same soe that the whole stock of the Country runn promiscuously one amongst the other and every mans property only distinguished by his proper make entred upon record soe that by such a grant his Ldp would entitle himselfe and engross into his hand the whole stock of the Province and destroy every mans property in the same Some Franchise ought not to be admitted till the convenience of the Province will give leave thereunto which wee humbly offer and submitt to their Maj<sup>ties</sup> pleasure and whereas unmarked wilde cattle horses and hoggs were by an Act of Assembly given to his Ldp to avoid the contentions that happened about the property haveing noe marke to distinguish the same the said Law being for the good and benefit of the Province and all the titles his Ldpp can pretend to such unmarked cattle wee humbly conceive the same to be now by that Law invested in their Maj<sup>ties</sup> as also to appoint Rangers to take up the same in which wee submitt to their Majesties pleasure.

5<sup>thly</sup> As to the demand that all Bills Bonds Records and