

laid before the Lords Commissioners of their Majesty's Treasury with the desire of the Committee to receive as soon as may be the opinion of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury upon the whole matter

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May it please your Lordships

In obedience to your Lord^{sp}'s Order signified to me by M^r Guy the 21st of this month that I should report the matter of Fact relating to the Petition of the Assembly of Maryland concerning the Impost Money of twenty five ships that came from that Province without paying the duties there in the year 1690. I humbly represent to your Lordships that by an Act past in the Assembly of Maryland the 30th of Aprill 1619 an Impost of two shillings for every hogshead of Tobacco exported from thence is granted to the Lord Proprietor of Maryland whereof one moyety is appropriated by the said act for the use and support of the Government there that upon taking that Province under the immediate care and attention of the Crown her Majesty in Council on the twenty sixth of February 1690. was pleased to order that according to the said Act one moyety of the said impost of two shillings p hogshead should be applyed to the use of the Government of Maryland and that the other moyety should be received by the Lord Baltemore to his own use as Proprietary of that Province. And Col: Copley being directed by her Majesty's Instructions bearing date the 26th of August 1691. to take care that one fourth part of the said moyety be applied towards the maintaining a constant Magazine with Arms and ammunition for the defence of the Country And to receive the remaining three fourths parts to his own use as Governor in Chief of that Province for his support of the Government there The sume of nine hundred and forty pounds of the moyety of the said Impost for the year 1692. appears by the said Petition to have been disposed of by the Conventⁿ of Maryland for the Publicque uses of the Government before the arriviall of Collonl Copley Whereupon the Assembly humbly pray that in lieu thereof so far as it will answer the same Col: Copley may have directions to receive to his own use the whole moyety of the said Impost of two shillings p hogshead from the twenty five ships which came from Maryland in the year 1690 without paying the duties there But the Receiver Generall of Customs being directed by your Lordships order of the 2^d of Oct. 1691 to demand from the Masters of twenty ships which came from Maryland in the year 1690 without paying the duties there the sum of seaventeen hundred and thirty pounds nineteen shillings which appeared to be due for the duties of their ships