

Sir Thomas, which is the request of the Governor and Council here commanded to be signified to you by

Sr. Your most humble Serv^t

J LL Cl. Councill.

To the right honourable the Lords of the Committee of Trade and Plantations.

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In obedience to your Lordships Order of reference of the 19th of September last I have considered of the severall demands made by my Lord Baltimore in the Province of Maryland and represented to their Maj^{ties} by the Assembly of that Province and I have been attended by the Lord Baltimore and his Councill; and as to his Lordships first demand of 12^d p hogshead for all Tobacco exported out of that Province I find the said duty is part of a certain duty of 2^s a hogshead for all Tobacco exported from that Province granted by an Act of the Assembly there of 7th Mar: 71. one moiety whereof is by the said Act appropriated to the publick service for the better support of the Government and the other moiety (which is the 12^d a hogshead now demanded by the Lord Baltimore) is thereby granted to the Lord Baltimore to be received by him for his own use as Proprietor of the said Province and that the said 12^d a hogshead was by Order of Council the 26th Feb: 90. directed to be answered and paid to the Lord Baltimore as Proprietor of Maryland and I doe not find that the Assembly doe much contest my Lord's right to this duty of 12^d a hogshead in the Representation they have made to their Majestyes, where they say they are with their Maj^{ties} Royall assent ready to confirm the same to his Lordship Provided his Lordship grant the same conditions of Plantations he did before the happy Revolution, or the same that their Maj^{ties} doe to the Colony of Virginia, to the Inhabitants of that Province, but what those conditions are it doth not appear to mee otherwise than by looking into the said Act of the Assembly in 71. by which the said duty was granted, I find that duty was granted to the Lord Baltimore upon condition that his Lordship should accept a pound of Tobacco in stead and in lieu of every 2^d Rent, att any tyme reserved upon any grant of land made by his Lordship which condition his Ldp affirms to mee he always shall and still is ready to comply with.

2. As to the 2^d demand of 14^d p Tonn for all Tobaccos exported out of that Province, I find that by an Act of the Assembly of that Province in 1661 it was enacted that all Vessells whatsoever not properly belonging to that Province having a Deck Flush forte and after comeing in and trading within that Province, should pay for Port duties and Anchorage a pound of powder and three pounds of shott or so much