

ligence, but I find he ought not to be too easily Credited being a Man of ill Character; his Place of Abode for some time hath been the Prison in Baltimore County. M^r D Dulany is gone to the Northward on Account of his Health, I understand that he intends to proceed to Boston & that he does not think of Returning to Annapolis till the latter End of the Summer; I apprehend it will become M^r Tasker who resigned the Commissary's Office in his favour to advise him of its being his Duty to make you the usual Remittance & I will hint as much to M^r Tasker the next time I see him, or if I find it necessary I will speak to M^r Dulany himself when he returns home. In your Letter dated the 19th of Ian^y you desire me to consider of a Plan for Raising a Sum of Money in Maryland to be appropriated towards supporting such Troops as it may be thought expedient to keep up in N America after the Conclusion of this War: In my Opinion the most simple & least burthensome would be that which I communicated to you the 10th of July 1758, but since that was disapproved of (for what Reasons you never told me) I submit to Your Consideration the following one by which I think the Sum of £10,000 Stg p^r Ann might be raised & it is not very unlike the Scheme or Mode of Taxation that hath been pursued this War in Virginia—

Let there be a Duty imposed of One Shilling & Sixpence Stg p ^r Hhd on all Tob ^o exported which I suppose would produce exclusive of Comm ⁿ for Collecting	£ 2100
A Poll Tax of 1/6 on each White Taxable (all Males above 16 years old & under 60) suppose	2250
A Poll Tax of 2/ on each Negro Taxable (all Males & Females between 16 & 60) suppose	2000
Tax on Land 1/ p ^r 100 Acres	1700
Excise Three pence p ^r Gallon on Spirituous Liquors.	1950
	10.000

The Duty on Tob^o exported to be Collected as such Duties have usually been by the Naval Officers, & to be by them accounted for & paid to the Treasurers of the Province. The Poll Tax, Land Tax & Excise to be Collected by the several Sheriffs as hath been usual & by them to be accounted for & paid also to the Treasurers; The Naval Officers, Sheriffs & Treasurers to be allowed such Commissions for Collecting or Receiving & paying away the Money as they have been usually allowed, viz^t The Naval Officers Eight p^r Cent. The Sheriffs Ten p^r Cent. The Treasurers Two & half p^r Cent. & Two & half p^r Cent to be allowed the Rent Roll Keepers as