

Letter Bk. IV whereby it appears that M^r Darnall the Naval Officer of Potuxent hath for these five years appropriated to his own private use all the Money that he hath collected on Account of the 15^d p^r Hhd which by the paper Currency Act made in 1732 ought to have been remitted by him to the Trustees in London for purchasing Bank Stock on Account of the Province. That you may be thoroughly acquainted with the Affair & with all that hath passed between me & the two Houses thereupon I herewith transmit Copies of their Addresses & my Answers together with a Copy of the Committee's Report & some Letters which I presume you will lay before His Ldp who will I hope approve of the Steps that I have taken. You will see by the Extract of the Committees Report (which the Lower House presented to me with their Address) & the
 p. 192 Additional Note or Memorandum at the Bottom of it that the Money which M^r Darnall hath collected on Account of the abovementioned Duty & has not remitted to the Trustees is little short of £1900, besides which he owes I suppose to the Loan Office & Treasurer three or four hundred Pounds Currency on Account of Duties paid him since Sept^r last for Negroes &c. imported into his District; & tho he did a few weeks ago pay His Ldp's Agent Bills of Exchange for £305. 18. 5 yet I find by a Return which I received from his Deputy the 1st Inst that there is still due on Account of the 14^d p^r Ton & 1/ p^r Hhd collected by him since the 29th of Sept^r last almost £200 stg besides more than £40 on Account of the three pence p^r Ton payable to me as Lieut. Governor. You will learn from the Letters that passed between M^r Bordley & me that upon the Discovery's being made M^r Darnall's two Sureties paid the penalty of his Office Bond which was thereupon assigned over to them but notwithstanding such payment the Country will I suppose lose at least a Thousand Pounds by his Failure for tho every Step will be taken agreeable to the Advice of the Upper House in Order to indemnify the Publick yet I fear they will not avail, as I understand that his real Estate was long ago mortgaged to its Value & he has since parted with his personal. Being under a Necessity upon his Withdrawing himself to appoint another Naval Officer of Potuxent I granted a Commission to M^r Ross who had previously consented & agreed to execute it by Deputy & to account for the whole Fees except what such Deputy shall be allowed untill the Ballance due to His Ldp & Myself is paid which (if His Ldp approves of this measure) it might be I imagine in about two Years; or if you think it would be as agreeable to His Ldp I should be extremely glad to have his permission in the Stead of M^r Ross to appoint his Son in Law D^r Upton Scott (a Gentⁿ well known I believe to M^r Key) Naval Officer