

U. H. J. to his Lordships Lands and Rents may be forthwith Delivered to him the said Henry Darnall or to such as he shall appoint to receive the same and also prayeth that the said Henry Darnall may by himself or such as he shall appoint be permitted immediately to Enter take and receive, the full peaceable and Quiet Possession of his Lordships houses and Plantations of Mattapany and Notley Hall and all other his Lordships houses and Plantations whatsoever within this Province, as also prays your Excellency would please to Name such and so many Ports and places wherein, and no where else all Ships Vessels &c shall be Cleared to the End the said Henry Darnall may there appoint Officers to attend the receipt of his Lordships Dues arising from Shipping &c
And he shall pray &c

The Opinion of the house of Asscmbly thereupon Viz^t

Since it hath pleased your Excellency and the rest of the honourable Board to Command the Opinion of this house in relation to the Demands of the Lord Baltimore We humbly crave pardon if with that freedom as become Our Duty and Loyalty to their Majesties and Obedience to your Commands we Deliver it as followeth.

1st As to the 12^d p^r hhd this house say they are ready with their Majesties Royal 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 Majesties do to the Colony of Virginia, to the Inhabitants of this Province, and such of their Majesties Subjects as for the future shall Transport themselves hither to Inhabit which we humbly conceive was the True Intention and design of his Lordships Patent Granted by King Charles the first as fully appears by the Preamble thereof, which was primarily to Advance the Crown of England by Seating a Large and Ample Colony, which we humbly Conceive the best way to Effect, is granting by easy Terms and Conditions of taking up Lands to the Inhabitants at present and future times without which the Province will Dayly Decay and the Intent of the Patent Totally frustrated.

p. 642 2^{dly} As to the 14^d p^r Ton this house have fully Searched and Examined into the True Cause of the making of that Act and tho the Journals of that Assembly as well as the Original Law is either by Negligence lost or designedly made away by the late Government; yet many Persons living and Some of this Assembly do remember and Say that the same was for Building of Forts and finding of powder and Shot for the Country use, and further that that duty ever was and still is