

Rents; I think it was upon my Brother Benedict's arrival into the Province as L^t Gov^r that Bill was by him reserved & the Power of receipt of Quit re-assumed according to each particular Grants; in ab^t two or three years this scheme of Gov^r Harts raised the Lord Proprietors Revenue w^h had only yeilded in the best year ab^t £1400 p^r ann. was arrived to ab^t £7000 p^r Ann: Note by the Quit Rent Bill the Bill of composition in Lieu of demands of Quit Rent also was concluded to be paid 1^s per hogshhead to the Gov^r by Virtue of his demand by a provincial Law passed in Queen Anne to her & her Heirs as Kings or Queens of Great Britain to them & their Successors for support of the Gov^r I think passed in 1704, this Act the Lo. H. growls at, ag^t the Proprietor his use for his L^t Gov^r & so they may Growl as Long as Govern^t Lasts; no Govern^t is so weak as to reject Support confirmed by Representatives to the Crown it self. Another special matter the Lo. H. declare ag^t his Lord^{ps} Tunnage, they say & People from thence & here whisper by act the word Fort Duty not belonging to his Lord^p I have answ^d on such instances: you Novice, have you read the Tun. Act? No, then don't believe hearsay, it was tryed in King W^m the 3^ds reign, adjudged no fort Duty the word Fort not mentioned in the Act & upon tryal by his Majesty in Council, by report made & adjudged to the sole use to the Lord Proprietors Benefit Entered in the King's Council Books & from thence recorded as such in the provincial Council Books, search & you'll find the Enterance of this Tryal & determination in the provincial Books. I was doubtful of, caused my writing to you con^s Q^{re} on the Provincial Books & Q^{re} ab^t the word Fort? if Port in the Act? there Entered by you confirm is, by word Port in the Act, gives me intire Satisfaction Both as to the stability of the Act for Support of Govern^t & of the Tunnage Act, not in the clutches of the Lo. H. to alter. Note: I pray learn Again. ab^t reserved Land in & ab^t Citys & Towns. M^r Penn says, he has been strict in that point & of such instant has been suffered he thinks but one, the market place at York Town belon^s to Gov^r Hamilton. By Acc^t Philadelphia City by the Tenure of that City he has secured to him & his Heirs much reserved Property that brings him much income Now, w^h in time & not very Long will produce to him & will to his Heirs immense Revenue. Baltimore City said is so far advanced to vie with Philadelphia in Traffick, its scituation is by the run of a Large deep fresh stream, not subject to the Bite of the worm or water Insect flowting in Sea Water, the ruin to ships Bottoms. the Traffick to that City must greatly increase, of course in Buildings; the extention of Traffick must be considerable, the produce of the N. W. part of Maryland,