

Lib. C. B. etary of their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Province of Maryland, which having been this day Read at the board as followeth, Viz<sup>t</sup>

To the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lords of the Comm̄ittee of Trade & Plantations.

In obedience to yo<sup>r</sup> Lordships Ord<sup>r</sup> of Reference of the 19<sup>th</sup> of September last I have considered of the severall Demands made by my Lord Baltimore in the Province of Maryland and Represented to their Ma<sup>ts</sup> by the Assembly of that Province, and I have been attended by the Lord Baltimore and his Council; and as to his Lo<sup>ps</sup> first Demand of Twelve pence p Hogshead for all Tobacco exported out of that Province, I finde the said Duty is part of a certain Duty of two shillings a Hogshead for all Tobacco exported from that Province, Granted by an act of the Assembly there, of the 7<sup>th</sup> of March 1671, One Moiety whereof is by the said Act appropriated to the publick service for the better Support of the Governmen<sup>t</sup>; and the other Moiety (which is the Twelve pence a Hogshead now demanded by the Lord Baltimore) is thereby granted to the Lord Baltimore, to be received by him for his owne Use as Proprietor of the said Province and that the said Twelve pence a Hogshead was by Ord<sup>r</sup> of Council, the 26<sup>th</sup> of ffeb<sup>ry</sup> 1690, directed to be answered & paid to the Lord Baltimore, as Proprietor of Maryland, and I doe not finde, that the Assembly doe much contest my Lords Right to this Duty of Twelve pence a Hogshead, in the Representation they have made to their Ma<sup>ty</sup>s where they say they are with their Ma<sup>ts</sup> Royal Assent ready to confirme the same to his Lo<sup>p</sup> provided his Lo<sup>p</sup> Grant the same Conditions of Plantations, he did before the happy Revolutions; or the same, that their Maj<sup>ties</sup> doe to the Colony of Virginia, to the Inhabitants of that Province; But what those Conditions are, it doth not appeare to me, otherwise than by looking into the said Act of Assembly in 1671, by which the said Duty was Granted to the Lord Baltimore, Upon condition, that his Lo<sup>p</sup> should accept a pound of Tobacco instead & lieu of every Two pence Rent at any time reserved vpon any Grant of Land made by his Lo<sup>p</sup> which Condition his Lo<sup>p</sup> affirms to me, he alwaies hath and still is ready to comply with.

As to the second Demand of ffourteen pence p Ton for all Tobacco's exported out of that Province, I finde by an Act of the Assembly of that Province in 1661, it was Enacted, that all Vessells whatsoever not properly belonging to that Province haveing a Deck flush fore & aft, coming in, and Trading within that Province, should pay for Port Duty's & Anchorage a pound of powder, and Three pounds of shot, or soe