

Lib. H. D. Prop^{ty} who is the derivative Lord to make a Grant of such Land, with as much Reason may an Act Enable the King who is the primative Lord to make the like Grant, And this Act has Enabled the King by his Govenor to make such Lease; therefore We hold it proper to be done as the Act directs, it being not disallowed by his Ma^{ty} as We know off, all which We humbly submit to your Excell & are

Yo^r Excell^s most obedient Servants
George Plater
Will^m Dent

By his Ex^{ncy} the Gov^r &c^a

May the 9th 1696.

Whitehall His Ex^{ncy} having pervsed this day in Councill the within Report was pleased to Ord^r that the Lease therein mentioned be Examined by M^r Attorney & Sollicito^r Gen^{ll} whether the same be according to Law, and then his Ex^{ncy} will sign the same.

Signed p Ord^r

Hen: Denton C of Concl.

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The Report on the s^d Ord^r is as follows, Viz^t

To his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r & hono^{ble} Councill of Maryland.

Whitehall In obedience to your Excell^s Commands We have pervsed the within mentioned Lease and do humbly conceive the same to be Agreeable to the Rules of the Law, all w^{ch} is humbly submitted to by

Yo^r Excell^s most obedient Servants,
Geo: Plater
Will^m Dent

And the s^d Lease was accordingly signed by his Ex^{ncy} in Ord^r to be passed vnder the Broad Seal of the Province.

May the 11th 1696.

The Councill again Sate & were p^rsent.

His Excell ffrancis Nicholson Esq^r Cap^t Gen^{ll} &c^a

Coll Henry Jowles	} Coll Charles Hutchins	
Coll George Robotham		} Coll David Brown
Coll Nich ^o Greenberry		} Coll John Addison

Attorney &
Solicitr
Gen^{ll} con-
sulted, whe-
ther Tobo
brought out

Ordered that it be Referred to M^r Attorney & Sollicit^r Gen^{ll} whether Tobacco brought out of Virginia and shipt here ought not to pay the Addition- all Duty of six pence p hogshead, Viz^t 3^d for the