

was made Impossible for his Ma^{ty} to disallow of any of those Acts without making void the whole and this did oblige us because of some things that we found not fitt to be allowed to represent to his Ma^{ty} our humble opinion that the Aforesaid Act might be disallowed which his Ma^{ty} has been pleased to do Accordingly

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We are further to Observe to you That an Act for the Service of Almighty God and the Establishment of the Protestant Religion having been Enacted there formerly and disallowed by his Ma^{ty} in 1695 was nevertheless reenacted in 1696 and now again in 1699 without any materiall Alteration in the thing for which it has been so disallowed this obliged us further to Offer unto his Ma^{ty} that the s^d Act as Passed in 1696 might be disallowed also which his Ma^{ty} in like maⁿer has been pleased to Agree to, And it is accordingly disallowed (together with the foresaid Act for ascertaining the Laws of that Province) by his Ma^{ty}s Order in Councill of the 30th November last which we send you here inclosed, by this means the Laws of Maryland (Excepting this one of 1696) are just in the Same State that they were before the Assembly mett which revised the two foresaid Volumes, & you may further observe by the Inclosed Copy of a Paper presented to us by some Considerable Merchants here, and that there are other strong objections ag^t the foresaid Act of 1696 beside what we Offered to his Ma^{ty} thereupon

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But now the better to avoid any Mistake for the future in things of this kind We advise you to be mindfull of his Ma^{ty}s Instructions about making all Laws (as much as Possible) indefinite & without Limittation of time and against the reenacting of Laws without his Ma^{ty} Express Consent, the Consideration of that Instruction & the Reason of it might have helped to prevent your mistake upon the other, and to this we Add, that as you see now the inconveniency of Passing so many Laws of Different Kinds by one Single Act wherefore your Care hereafter must be not onely that Each Act be passed Severally, but also that different matters be not mixed in the Same Act, and that nothing be put into any Act (as it is notoriously in that for the Service of Almighty God) of another Nature than what is agreeable to the Title of it, That so any particular Matter or particular Act may be approved or disallowed of by his Ma^{ty} without Involving others that have noe Relation thereunto in the same Determinacon

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Also a Paragraph in their L^{ps} L^{re} to his Excellency of the 3^d of December 1700 viz^t

The Acts of the Generall Assembly of that Province that you have lately transmitted to us, are now in the hands of M^r Attorney Gen^l for his Opinion thereupon in Point of Law, and