

P. R. O. acquainting the people, of their Duty to God, their Sovereigne, and Country, which these Iustices of the County Courts never do, were any of them capable thereof, So that the Country borne as they terme themselves neither know their Duty to the Queens Ma^{tye} nor the Respect they owe the Civill Magistrate, Wherefore Seing their Ignorance and Ambition will not suffer them to do what in all honesty, and good Conscience, they ought for the Service of their Country, I know not how these Iustices, Who are the only asserters of her Ma^{tyes} Royall Prerogative can be Supported, unless her Ma^{tye} is pleas'd to direct the Councill and myselfe Should pay each of them One hundred and twenty pounds p Annū, out of the Imposts rais'd for the defraying the necessary charge of this Province, which will very well answer that, and the other necessary Contingencyes, the Iustices of the Provinciaall Court as it Stood before this Regulation having been as great a Charge to the Province, without any Encouragement to them.

The Severall Laws for the Imposts are now revived for three Years & better, So that there will be a certaine Supporte for three years at least to those Iustices; but without her Ma^{tyes} express Direction I shall not presume to make them any Allowance for their Service.

According to a former Direction of the hon^{ble} Boarde I have made Some Observations on the Severall laws enacted this Session, which are inclosed, and most heartily begg pardon for anything, that may have Slipt my Notice, having been So very ill, that I could not Sitt in Councill above three or four days, during the whole Session, and have not been able to go out of my house ever since.

I should be very glad to have her Ma^{tyes} Royall Co^mands about running out the Northern Lyne of this Province, or to heare my Lord Baltimore and M^r Penn had adjusted that matter between themselves, there being many hot disputes; So that the people of both provinces are, with much ado, restrayned from comitting Violence on each other, Which I should be Sorry to see, and in the meane tyme will take the best care I can to prevent it, And in all other things endeavour to distinguish my Zeal for her Ma^{tyes} Service, and Obedience to your Co^mands being

My Lords
Your Lordships
most Dutyfull humble Serv^t
Io: Seymour

Maryland March 10th 1708/9

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