the Reigne of Our Sovereigne Lord George King of Great C. P. Britain &c: Annoq Dni 1715

God Save the King.

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An Account of the Sevr¹¹ Offices within the Province of Maryland.

first His Excellency John Hart Esq^r Cap^t Genr¹¹ & Govern^r in Cheif of the said Province.

The Council Consisting of twelve of the most able and discreet Gentlemen of the Province who at Present are

Col Edward Lloyd
Col Thos Addison
John Hall Esq^r
Col W^m Coursey
Col W^m Whittington
Philemon Lloyd Esq^r
L^t Col Samuel Young
Col Thomas Greenfeild
Col Thos Addison
John Hall Esq^r
Col W^m Whittington
Philemon Lloyd Esq^r
L^t Col Richard Tilghman &
John Dorsey Esq^rlately dead

Who Assist his Excellency the Govern with their Advice on all Urgent Occasions relating to the State welfare and defence of the Province: And are by Act of Assembly allowed for their Attendance each day in Council and in the Gener Assembly One hundred and fifty pounds of Tobacco, but were formerly Supported Out of the Lord Proprietarys Revenue

His Excellency the Govn^r and Council with four Delegates for every one of the twelve Countys in the Province and two Burgesses from the City of Annapolis, Compose the General Assembly or Legislature of the Province representing three Estates thereof Viz. His Excellency the Govn^r the first: His Mat^{ys} Council, the Second And the Delegates their Electors to witt the Free Holders and other Inhabitants of the Province, the third, Wherein his Excellency the Govern^r has allways a Negative Voice.

His Excellency the Govn^r by Virtue of His Mat^{ys} Royal Commission is Keeper of the Great Seale of the s^d Province in Consideration whereof there are Sundry ffees settled by Act of Assembly for the Sealing the several Processes and Decrees of that Court the Yearly Value of which Fees are very uncertain according as the Publick or Private Buisness happens to be more or less Yearly: The s^d Fees have in some Years amounted to fifty Thousand pounds of Tobacco p Ann. Seldom more but very often less and are dispersed in the sev^{rll} Countys out of which the Sevr^{ll} Sherriffs have a Sallary often p Cent for Collecting.