

His Excellency layd before the Board the Copy of the C. P. Clause for the Two shill and Nine pence p^h Sent in from his Ld^{sp} and his Guardian.

Which was read to them for their Consideration

He also Signifies his Lordships Pleasure of accepting Six pence Sterl p^h more in full satisfaction of all his Rents.

And asks their opinion how the Trade may be Affected by the Impost of the last Six pence. All the Gentlemen p^rsent are unanimously of opinion that Such an Additionall Duty being so inconsiderable not Exceeding one penny p^r Cent, The Trade cannot be much Affected therewith especially Considering that the Greatest part of the Tob^o is Exported by the Inhabitants on their proper Accounts.

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Maryland ss^t

At the Council held in the Council Chamber at the City of Annapolis, the twenty third day of April, in the first Year of the Dominion of the R^t Hon^{ble} Charles Lord Baron of Baltimore Absolute Lord & Proprietarie of the Province of Maryland &c^a Annoq Dni 1716.

Present

The Tho^s Brooke Esq^r
Hon^{ble} Col Thomas Addison
L^t Colonell Richard Tilghman

This day according to his Lordship's Writt of Election or Summons being Appointed for the meeting of the Generall Assembly; Pursuant thereto Appeared at the Board these following Delegates by Indenture returned for S^t Mary's, Ann Arundel, Baltimore, Prince George's and Queen Ann's Countys, Viz. M^r Thomas Trueman Greenfeild, M^r James Stoddart, M^r Peter Bond, Col James Maxwell, M^r William Turbut, M^r Joseph Hill, & Major John Hawkins. To whome the Hon^{ble} Thomas Brooke Esq^r Col Thomas Addison and L^t Col Tilghman, by Virtue of his Lords^p's Writt of Dedimus Potestatem administred the Oaths appointed instead of the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremecy & the Oath of Abjuration which they Subscribed, as likewise the Declaration commonly called the Test.

And then was read and Published his Lordship's Writt of Prorogation before the Members of the Upper and Lower Houses now Present in the Tenour following Viz.

Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietarie of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore. To the