

Lib. C. B.

Whitehall 19 July 1749

Sir

Upon the 30th of May last, the House of Commons presented an humble Address to the King desiring that his Majesty would be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be Laid before that house in the next Session of Parliament an Account of the Tenor and Amount of all the Bills of Credit which have been created and issued in the Several British Colonies and Plantations in America as well those under Proprietors & Charters as under his Majestys immediate Commission & Government that shall be then outstanding distinguishing the Amount of the same in each Colony or Plantation & the Respective times when such Bills so outstanding were issued with the Amount of the said Bills in Money of Great Britain both at the times when such Bills were issued and at the time of Preparing the said Account and also the times fixed for the calling in Sinking & discharging such Bills, and the Funds Appropriated for that purpose; And I am now in Consequence thereof Comanded by His Majesty to Signify his Pleasure to you, that you should Order all such Accounts, so far as they relate to your Government to be prepared & Transmitted forthwith to me that I may Lay the same before his Majesty & Receive his farther Pleasure thereupon with Regard to their being Laid before the Parliament.

I am Sir

Your Most Obed^t hble Serv^t

Bedford.

The following Answer being prepared is read, and this Board desire his Excellency will be pleased to transmit the same to his Grace the Duke of Bedford

My Lord

Your Grace's Commands of the 19th of July last and which I this Day received, signifying that I should transmit to your Grace a State of the Paper Currency issued in this Province, I have accordingly inclosed the same, and am with all imaginable Respect

Your Grace's

Most Obedient and most humble Serv^t

Duke of Bedford

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Province of Maryland

In the year 1732 An Act of Assembly passed in this Province to Emit Ninety Thousand Pounds Current Money in Bills of Credit which at the time of Emission were calculated to be