

And particularly you must not allow any Alteration to be made in the Assize Law passed by the late Governor or to the lessening of the Power of the Judges, nor must you pass even that Law, unless the Lower house pass the Bill for three pence p Hogshead for Arms and Ammunition in the usual manner

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And whereas the Upper house for some time past before your Arrival in Maryland thought it reasonable to with hold Several of the Bills till the Bill for three Pence p Hogshead for Arms and Ammunition should pass in the Lower house, You are required for the future not to Pass any of the said Bills without that for Arms and Ammunition in the usual manner, that so necessary a Bill for the Safety and Defence of the Province and the others Desired by the Lower house may go hand in hand, as is usually Practiced in the other Governments of America; and which I find by the Proceedings of Assembly was all that the Lower house themselves pretended to contend for in the late Governors Time

And thô I am very far from desiring any unjust Article to be incerted or contended for in the Levy Bills, Yet I must require you in the most especial manner not to suffer any of the just fees and Perquisites of the Officers, or any of the necessary Expences of the Government particularly in Relation to the Indians to be disallowed by the Lower house but that you Absolutely refuse to Pass the said Bill unless fair and equal Justice be done to all Persons without Distinction.

And you are likewise to take care that in all the Penal Parts of Law the fine be Applied to the Support of Government as usual.

As to my Private Property which is so much under your Care both as Governor & Chancellor I desire nothing but equal Justice with my Tenants in all Respects, And that as you will always have it in your View to do Justice to them you may have the same Regard to my just Rights & Property and be particularly Careful that in all Acts Relating to Land Affairs there be nothing inserted in them to my Prejudice and I hope you will always take Care to consult with my Agent in every thing relating to my Interest and have a due Regard to his just Representations

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And if any thing of very great Consequence comes under your Consideration that you suspend doing any thing therein, till you have acquainted me with it and received my Directions

Given under Our hand and lesser Seal at London the 26th day of March in the Twenty Ninth year of Our Dominion Annoq Domini 1743.

C. B.

By his Lordships Command
John Browning Secretary