

Lordship and the people of this Province suffer much Detri- L. H. J.
ment and the land office is in Effect thereby shutt up for the
issueing Warrants for takeing up land without Surveyors to
execute them would be but a charge to no purpose.

Charles Carroll.

Observations on M^r Carrolls answers to four Quere's
put to him on the 19th July 1716.

To the first Quere M^r Carroll after answering that he said
nothing to their Lordships about the acts of the 12th and 15th
of King Charles the second in the Querers specified adds he
was very well satisfied that there was nothing in those Acts
that would hinder the Lord Prop^{ty} as hereditary Governour of
Maryland from Granting the Comission.

In objection thereto It is plain by his Ma^{ty}s Royal instruc-
tions under his hand and Privy Signet the Governour John
Hart by name is Assigned to take care of and appoint the
naval officers in this Province, and it cannot be understood by
the Act of the 15th of King Charles that the Hereditary Gov-
ernour who has never been in the Province being wholly
resident in Great Brittain should appoint such officers or take
the oath in the Act mentioned but the Governours or Comand^{rs}
in Chief of the lands Islands Plantations Colonyes or Territoryes
in America and Surely his Ex^{ncy} John Hart Esq^r being on the
Spot is that person and not my Lord Prop^{ty} or the Lord
Guilford who are not in this Province

To the second Quere M^r Carrolls answer is alltogether
Evasive of the Question whether he told the Secretary to the
Com^{rs} he would take the oaths when he came upon the place
where he was to execute the said Comission In not answer- p. 191
ing directly whether he did or not, but saying that he did not
tell the Secretary of the Com^{rs} what he would doe when he
came upon the place of executeing his Comission because he
thought it needless to tell him he would doe what was
necessary and yet at the same time M^r Carroll might tell the
Secretary he would take the oaths on the place of Executeing
the Com^{on} but because that he did not tell him all that he
would doe as Record the said Com^{on} appoint Deputys in the
Several parts and he answers he did not tell him what he
would doe.

2^{dly} In his answer to part of the same Querie (Viz)
whether he ever Informed the Com^{rs} of his Ma^{ty}s Customes
that he was a Roman Catholick he does not answer whether
he did or not doe so but avoyded by saying the Comissioners
of the Customes did not require him to make a profession of