

Lib. J. R. two Houses: You may and are hereby permitted to give your  
& U. S. Consent to such Bill or if any Fee or Fees in the present  
regulation should appear to you and the Council of State to  
be too large or exorbitant or otherwise improper You are  
hereby directed and Impowered by and with the Advice and  
Consent of the said Council to make such Abatements and  
Alterations therein as may be most expedient and Proper

And Whereas the Upper house the Council of State for  
some years past have thought it Reasonable to withhold some  
Bills from Passing their house Viz<sup>t</sup>

An Act for the Tryal of all Matters of Fact in the Several  
Counties where they have arisen or shall Arise

An Act continuing an Act entitled an Act for the Recovery  
of Small Debts out of Court before a Single Justice of the  
Peace.

p. 15 An Act continuing an Act Entitled an Act for the Relief  
of Poor Debtors Which aforesaid Acts have been refused by  
our said Council to be passed by them though Sent up to them  
from the Lower house of Assembly; by Reason of the Lower  
house not passing the three pence p Hogshead for Arms and  
Ammunition; That so necessary a Bill for the Safety and  
defence of our said Province, might go hand & hand with the  
other Bills as has been and is usually practiced in the other  
Governments of America, and which I find by the proceed-  
ings of Assembly during my Minority has been all that the  
Lower house of Assembly themselves have pretended to con-  
tend for, except such Matters as they could not seriously be  
for; they being such as must produce a negative to Govern-  
ment

19. Now my Inclination and desire is that you with the  
Advice of our said Council of State shall on Mature and  
Serious Consideration judge for the aforesaid Acts to be  
expedient and Absolutly necessary for the Benefit Utility  
and welbeing of our Inhabitants of our said Province of  
Maryland you are hereby directed and Empowered to give  
your assent thereto though I cannot help observing on the  
last mentioned Act That if it is intended as an Act of In-  
solvency it ought to be under such or the like Restrictions and  
penaltys as are constantly incerted in Acts of like kind which  
have been Enacted and passed by the Legislature of Great  
Britain; as the passing such an Act without such Restric-  
tions and penaltys may be of Destructive Consequence to  
just and honest Creditors; And this you will Consider your-  
self and take the Advice of our said Council; As to the Act  
for three pence p hogshead for Arms & Ammunition you  
will use your best Endeavours to obtain the same as it has