

From these latter Instances (Extract of Minitts) taken from the present Upper House Journal in their Answer to the Lower House Message sent them, with the Extracts taken by me from the before recited Acts. I cannot Conceive from these Instances that the present Lord's Prerogative is in the least Degree Infringed By the Reference the Lower House would draw from the Act of 1717, By which they hint the late Lord Proprietor they say Accepted of the Fines on Ordinary Licences as a Grant from the People. Therefore cannot help Joining Issue in the same Opinion with the Upper House viz. That if the late Lord Proprietor out of his great Condescension to the importunities of the People thought proper to pass an Act, he did not thereby part with his Prerogative, But rather a Suspension of the Exercise of it (during the Continuance of the Act which Expired in 1726) therefore such Assents cannot Divest the present Proprietor of the Right he has by Virtue of his Royal Charter to his Noble Ancestor; his Right and Condition remaining, not in the least weakened and Infringed thereby. By the Copy of the Lower House's Bill you transmit For Raising a Supply towards His Majesty's Service, they not only include Fines and Forfeitures but also Licence Monies, is the Prerogative Right of the Proprietor, to be of no Availment to him heretofore knowledged as before Recited by Acts of Asembly &c<sup>a</sup>

My Lord observes by the Plan or Chart you have sent of Potomack River, the Roads made by Sir John Sinclair to will's Creek, there is a Fort Built call'd Fort Cumberland; If the occasion of the Times should make it Necessary to Establish it for the Reception of Forces; he desires you'l have Care of his Property if Establish'd. The country contained from Will's Creek to the Springhead of Potomack to the North Line of Maryland, would make a large County; His Lordship thinks it proper it should be done under the Name of Westmorland. As the Western Land of the Province. His Lordship desires I will remind you of M<sup>r</sup> Wogan's Affair. I beg you'l Reco<sup>m</sup>nd proper Persons to fill up the vacant seats in the Council if M<sup>r</sup> Bordley accepts it will be proper he shou<sup>d</sup> be one Consider well & make your application on this Subject to my Lord & lose no time therein If you do others will forestal such your Applications.

[Cecilius Calvert to Horatio Sharpe]

London September the 9<sup>th</sup> 1755

Sir.

Since my last to you of August the 22<sup>d</sup> His Majestys Ship the Sea Horse from Virginia brings melancholy Intelligence,