

Maryland is Lord Paramount upon the Whole. If any Reason can Warrant such Proceeding on the Lord Proprietor Why not on the Purchaser of Lands from him the Lord Proprietor, who hath made Sale of the Land to Others with Reservation to themselves of a Larger Quit-Rent. If reason^{ble} Equitable for Both; in neither Case extent in the Mother Country nor America, Either by Common Law, Civil or Statute Law & I believe in no Dominion or Country Fee Farm Rents are Tax'd in England, But the distinction is considerable be^t ffee ffarm Rent & Quit-Rent (Treadi Firma) is where Land is Held of another in ffee for so much Rent as it is reasonably worth, or at least to the fourth Part of the value Quit-Rent is a certain smal Rent payable yearly by the Tenant to his Landlord on paym^t the Tenure is Quiet, tis paid in Silver call'd White Rent. Thus I have ventured My Discussion upon the right of Quit Rent, a British constitutional Honoured Property in no time Tax'd ffree to the Landlord. The Lo: House the representatives of Maryland are pleased to Stile themselves High, Similar to the Commons of Great Britain under a Parliamentary Capacity, allow'd by none else but themselves, Quite so; However, as they derive Modus's from Parliam^{try} Proceedings are they to Dictate Precepts, Instructions to Parliament, of Taxes not thought of nor ever mention'd by Parliament; such are Quit-Rents, un-occupied Land & of Officers by Office in Private Concerns, Taxes not agreeable to the wisdom of Parliament, whose Fundamental Principle is ag^t Oppression & Burdening Constitutional Rights; But of these matters, the Bills & the whole proceedings of Both Houses with your papers have been considered & are fairly Stated & laid before the Kings Attor^y Gen^l by whose Opinion My Lord will direct & Justifye himself to his King & Country; the transmission of w^h I hope will Accompany this Packet to you. He trusts & rely's that you & the Upper House of Assembly will be on all Occasions a Safe Barrier in defence to his & all standing Rights.

Of the claim of Col: Henry on the late Lord Baltimore for attending as a Commissioner when the Line was run from Fenwick Island you say, you have rec^d from him a Letter Con^s inclosed to me I have none, you have at times mention Copys of other matters, I have not received, must be the fault of y^r Sec^y I do not Understand why M^r Ross transmits Copys of part & not the whole proceed^{gs} of Both Houses, on Controversy it will not Do here by any means, tis Exparte Information.

M^r Lloyd in His Let^r of Aug^t the 30th says, he is disag^{ably}