

pointment of such other Trusties Necessary with Him, & they must take real care who they Trust M^r Hunt is Age'd the transaction has been all done by himself, had it falen into the Hands of Sam^l Hyde or M^r Crockshank's Trustees as they were Bankrupts the Province might have been short off. M^r Hunt recomds the Mess^{rs} Hanburys Sufficient People. The Ship sailing, Not being able to Obtain from M^r Attor^y Gen^l his opinion concerning the Maryland Controversys of Debate w^h will not be had till after Christm^s Occasions My Lord's Resolutions thereon postpon'd, so soon as Obtain'd Mess^{rs} Penns & he are to have a meeting for an agreed Instruction to each Province, The Merch^{ts} on Change make great Exclamation ag^t the L: H. attempt of Oppression by Tax Effecting them. No dispute a Tax on Lord Baltimore's Manors & reserv'd Lands to be Taxd, But a Tax on his Quit Rents, he has a peculiar Exemption, for in the year 1651 an Express Law passed (as I am informed) by which it was Enact'd, that all Charges arising from time to time by defence of the Province ag^t any Invasion or any Emergency or ag^t any Domestick Insurrection or Rebellion ag^t the Publick Peace or the Govern^t Establish'd under the Lord Proprietor & His Heirs Lords & Proprietaries of Maryland, sho^d be discharged by the Inhabitants thereof. This Law to the Purpose of Exempting Lo^d Baltimore's Quit-Rents is in force Now, for in the Repealing Act of 1704 there is an Express saving of all claims under the former Acts & no other Act can be pretended to Effect the Act of 1651. It is this Act among the Acts of Assembly return'd to the Board of Trade, if not send it. Its required by Law Young M^r Ogle's Age not mention'd in the Papers sent. The year near closing No returns from you half a year to me S^t Michael last.

P. Some Months ago an Article was put in the London Chro: that the Supply was not grant'd in Maryland by reason the Proprietor Estate was not be Tax'd the answ^r pub^d that it was void of truth, That his Landed Estate was Tax'd in Equal proportion with His Tenants Upon w^h a reply was publish'd of Queries Impertinent & ridiculous not worthy answ^r tho' easy of confute I mention this as I suppose it will make an eclat in Mary^l^d. The supposed Author is M^r Franklyn by corresp^{dt} from Mary^l^d.

[Cecilius Calvert to Horatio Sharpe]

London March 17th 1759.

Sir

Inclosed is his Lord^{ps} Instructions of this Date Rece^d yo^r Copies of Depositions relative to the passage of Vessels thro'