

the sounds that Divide Taylor's & James's Islands from the main Land; By the Land Patents they are deemed Islands, But of this, I write you My Lord's determination with Mess^{rs} Penns Novemb^r 27th Your Transmission of the Copys of the Journals of the Assembly the 28th of March last I have M^t Sec^y Pitt's Lett^r in the Journals dated the 30th of Decem^r 1757. The Tenor thereof Certifys great goodness tender'd by His Majesty, for Vigorous & extensive Efforts to Avert the impending dangers on North America the Sincerity of his Let^r is so very Expressive as to have no doubt but that the Marylanders wo^d Joyfully have embraced the opportunity of distinguish^e themselves for His Majesty's Zeal in Defence of his Dominion & themselves. Notwithstanding the Journals relate much Altercation on that Subject upon a Bill from the Lower House sent to the Upper, of w^{ch} on Clauses in the Bill upon deprivations of Rights, Inter als concerning L^d Baltimore the Upper House reply We conceive that by the clear words of the Charter the appointment of all Officers Civil & Military belongs to L^d Baltimore for further Satisfaction on this Point they Add, the Opinion of L^d Chief Justice Wille's when Attorn^y Gen^l whose opinion is, That by the Charter of Maryland the Lord Proprietary hath a Right to nominate all Officers Civil & Military They observe if the Charter did not determine this Matter in favour of L^d Baltimore, they wo^d not suffer their Estates to be Tax'd by Officers deriving their Power under the Sole Nomination of them, who wo^d naturally think themselves peculiarly Accountable for their Conduct to that House And Exemplify the improprieties of the Bill on his Lord^{ps} Private Officers, words vague & undetermin'd, not Sure ag^t Complaint or Even a prosecution however Exact they might be & under Penalty £200 with^t Reward near the same proved on the Publick Officers & set forth the unreasonable Power the Lo: H. Assumes, to be sole Judges of the Allowances to be made to such Persons as have been put to an Expençe in providing Necessaries for his Majesty's Troops in their winter Quarters, A Power unpresident'd Object to the double Tax on non jurors as the Effect to Banish them from the Country, ag^t the Principle of Justice & Policy & ag^t an Assembly Act for an Limited Toleration of all Christians in 1640 Obj^t ag^t a Tax upon all Commodities imported into the Province from England (ive.) the Manufactory of the Mother Country Obj^t to a Tax upon uncultivated Lands yeilding no profit. Because such a Tax wo^d fall upon the Real & Personal Estates of the Owners yeilding a Profit, wh^{ch} are otherwise tax'd by the Bill Obj^t to the Power to the Tenant to Restrain