

stood the matter & wo<sup>d</sup> acquaint them when rec<sup>d</sup> On this affair you have His Lord<sup>ps</sup> directions in his Instructions to you Novemb<sup>r</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> last, it is hoped will perfect this affair to my Lord. He desires the Earliest acco<sup>t</sup> for his answer to the parties here Claimants great care must be taken of the Copy of the Act of Rebellion sent to Maryland as occasion may be had for it here & if a copy of that in the Province will serve all purposes there, it will be best to return that sent, If not a Copy of that, return'd Authenticated.

I have had another Summons from the Lords Commiss<sup>rs</sup> of Trade & Plantation concerning the Act passed by his Majesty's Colony of Virginia in 1752 for Erecting a Light House at Cape Henry. Their Lord<sup>ps</sup> desired to hear if I had any thing to offer upon it. I said Lord Baltimore's Objection to the Act was, if the Act from the Gen<sup>l</sup> Tenor of it is intended to Effect Him as Proprietor of Maryland & the Province by a Law of Virginia, they asked Whether a Light House at the Cape wo<sup>d</sup> not be of Utility & advantage in Navigation to Maryland? I said, I was not furnish'd Sufficient to answe<sup>r</sup> it depending on the Judgment of the Marylanders & the Merch<sup>ts</sup> trading to the Province, thereupon they directed Me for Maryland & M<sup>r</sup> Abercrombie for Virginia to consult the Merch<sup>ts</sup> & others Principally concern'd in the Trade & shipping of those Colonies, to the End, that if they shall agree in the advantages w<sup>h</sup> the Trade & Navigation of Each Province will receive from such a work proper Measures may be concert'd for erecting & Maintaining it at the joint Expence of the Provinces, since their Lord<sup>ps</sup> say in their Representation to the King's most Excellent Majesty on the s<sup>d</sup> Virginia Act, the Act being of an Extraordinary Nature there. being several particulars in (w<sup>h</sup> their Lord<sup>ps</sup> Observe) the Act, is defective amongst others, Besides these defects, it is liable to one Objection which alone appears to us to render it unfit to Receive your Majesty's Confirmation & Allowance For the Duty of Tonnage being laid in general on all ships & Vessels going into or out of the Bay of Chesapeak would be Tax'd by the Legislature of Virginia to whose Authority the Province of Maryland cannot by the Express Exemptions of it's Charter be in any case liable "

"For this Reason We think it necessary humbly to propose that your Majesty wo<sup>d</sup> be pleased to Declare y<sup>r</sup> Royal Disallowance of the s<sup>d</sup> Act "

I have acquainted the Merch<sup>ts</sup> of Maryland with their Lord<sup>ps</sup> Requisitions to Me concerning the Light House and have for answe<sup>r</sup> at their meeting, In general agreed that one Light House on Cape Henry would be worse then none, for