

sembly of Maryland, The Royal Charter of Maryland requiring all Laws passed by them to be as near as may be agreeable to and not repugnant to the Laws of England. Lib. J. R. & U. S.

As the Tender proposed by this Act was not general but intended only for the Officers fees and the particular Uses of that Act this Board did not apprehend It was contrary to the Act of Queen Ann for regulating Coins.

4<sup>th</sup> Objection. The giving a Currency to foreign Coins and making them a legal Tender in Payment is exercising a Power which I much doubt whether any Plantation Assembly has a Power to do, and is doing more than was ever done by the Parliament of Great Britain.

Answered in the foregoing

5<sup>th</sup> Objection. The Currency given to foreign Coins by this Act will I greatly fear effect the paper Currency of Maryland and be greatly prejudicial to the publick of the Province.

It was thought better to suffer a Little Inconveniency by the Chance of Lowering the Value of the Paper Currency than a Certainty of losing the Advantages to the Province by the passing so advantageous a Law as the Inspection Law.

6<sup>th</sup> Objection. That part of the Act limiting the fees of my officers is an Infringement on my Prerogative Rights, And as no Reasons have been offered to me or are mentioned in the said Act to shew the necessity or Reasonableness of this Part of the Act I can by no means Suffer this part of the Act to continue.

That as the late Lord Proprietary had Settled the Officers fees by the first Inspection Law, and as this only Reduced the fractional parts of the officers fees from what they were settled by the former Law, This for the more Easy Accounting with the Officers & People was thought very inconsiderable. p. 48

At a Council held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March in the fourth year of his Lordships Dominion Annoque Domini 1755.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor

The honourable { Benjamin Tasker Esq<sup>r</sup> } Richard Lee Esq<sup>r</sup>  
                  { Col George Plater }  
                  { Col Benjamin Tasker } Benedict Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup>

His Excellency is pleased to acquaint this Board that his Lordship had appointed Col William Goldsborough, one of