

Lib. No. 86 Commission arriving in the interim from England) I shall consider myself as virtual Agent, at least, of His Lordship in Maryland. I am

Dec<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1768  
To Thomas Jenings, Esq<sup>r</sup>

Sir      Your very hbte servant  
B. Allen

Instructions to be observed by      of      county Esq<sup>r</sup>  
His Lordship's Rent Roll Keeper of the      shore  
To      of      County

1<sup>st</sup> As soon as possibly you can, you are to provide good Books and transcribe into them fair Copies of the Rentals of the several Counties on the      Shore, and when finished, you are to lodge them with the Clerk of the Revenue Board: and in order that this work may be speedily compleated, you may take to your assistance, one, or more fit Persons as the Service may require; and the Board will give His Lordship's Agent directions to pay a Sum adequate to the Service of such Persons and for the Cost of the Books.

2<sup>d</sup> You are annually to enter in the Rental of each County the additional Roll returned to you by the Judges of the Land Office

p. 44 3<sup>d</sup> You are also to Enter in the said Rolls from the Lists which shall be returned by the Commissary General, or Register of the Prerogative Office, all Alterations in the Possession and Title of Lands whether the same shall happen by the course of Descent or by Devise and also from the Lists which shall be returned by the Clerks of the Provincial and County Courts all Alienations of Lands; and from time to time you are to correct all Errors that appear to you to have been committed in the said Rentals: which Returns when enter'd you are, with a List of all other Corrections, to deliver in to the Clerk of the Revenue Board.

4<sup>th</sup> You are every year to make out and deliver to the several and respective Receivers of the      Shore, a fair and correct Debt Book for each County, leaving every other leaf blank, which Debt Books shall contain the names of all Persons that possess Land within the Counties for which they are respectively made, also the name & Quantity of every parcel of Land, under what Rent each Parcel is held, and what Quit Rent each Tenant is annually to pay for his Land, whether he may hold One or more Tracts; and the gross amount of such Books, you are annually to deliver to His Lordship's Agent.

5<sup>th</sup> Each Receiver is betwixt the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September and the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February annually to return to you the Debt Book he received the preceding year, together with another