U. H. J. untill the 29th Sep^r following, And was to be paid to the said Lord Benedict on the same Consideration

I Do Certifie hereby unto your Hon^{rs} all that Occurs to me upon that Subject, Viz. That the Lord Benedict dying soon after his Father Could have no knowledge of that Law and therefore could neither have Declared his Acceptance or refusall thereof that the 12^d raised by Vertue of that Law has been by me remitted for England and such pportion thereof as became Due since the Death of the Lord Charles And untill the Death of the Lord Benedict has I verily believe been accounted for to the Ex^{rs} of the said Lord Benedict an Exact Computation thereof being by me laid before the Ex^r of the said Lord Charles And the psent Lord Baltimore.

That the Exr of the said Lord Benedict has fully impowered me to receive and take into my hands all the psonal Estate whatsoever that was of the said Lord Benedicts in this pvince at the time of his Death And Pursuant thereunto I thought it Just and reasonable to Accept of the half years rent due to the Lord Benedict in Tobo at 2^d p lb & have rec^d some small part thereof at the same rate and shall Continue to receive the remainder in like manner because the Consideration for so p. 120 Taking it (Viz the 12d p hhd) was by me recd remitted and accounted for, for I should think it a great hardship that the Consideration mony should be paid by the Country & trade and the Condition of the said Consideration not pformed I believe the Honble House is sensible that a great many of the Inhabitants of this pvince by Attachments Condemnations and Executions have been Compelled or are like to be to pay the Rents in mony According to their Patents whereby they have no Benefitt of the 12d so as afd paid how agreeable to equity and Justice is Submitted to Your Honrs prudent Considerations by your

Hon^{rs} most Humble & most Obed^t Serv^t
Charles Carroll.

May the 7th 1718

The following message being prepared is sent to the Lower House

By the upper house of Assembly

Gent. May the 7th 1718

On reading of yesterdays Message by Coll Maxwell & two others his Excy observes to this House he has no Direction from their L^{pps} ab^t the Councill's being Joyned to the Keeper of the Great Seale for the Time Being to sitt as a Court of Judicature And have a Voice in passing Decrees or other