

For when I found I could no Longer Maintain the Honour & U. H. J.  
Dignity of my Station as Chancellor I voluntarily & chear-  
fully gave up my Interest that I might Preserve my Integrity  
which no Power on Earth can remove from me

Jo: Hart

My Lord.

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We had the Honour of your Lordship's Letter of the 9<sup>th</sup>  
Septem<sup>r</sup> last transmitting to us the Address that had been  
psented to the Lord Baltimore and to your Lordship by the  
Upper and Lower Houses of the Generall Assembly of Mary-  
land wherein Maurice Birchfield Esq<sup>r</sup> Surveyor Gen<sup>l</sup> of the  
Southern Continent of America is represented to have putt  
sev<sup>l</sup> hardships on the Inhabitants of Maryland by the manner  
of his Proceeding against the sev<sup>l</sup> Persons who were Debtors  
to Merchants that had failed Considerably Indebted to his  
Majesty for the Duties on Tob<sup>o</sup> in this Port. We having  
Examined into his Conduct in those matters do not find the  
said Birchfield has done any more than his Duty, and we take  
this Opportunity to acquaint your Lordship that it appears  
to us by sev<sup>l</sup> Instances that his Majestys Service has suffer'd  
by the Obstruction the said Birchfield has mett from Col Hart  
Liev<sup>t</sup> Governour of Maryland. We therefore Desire that  
your Lordship will be pleased to Direct the said L<sup>t</sup> Governour  
not to Obstruct his Majesty's Service under our Manage-  
ment, But that he will be Assisting to the Officers of the  
Customs in his Government as by Law he is requir'd to do in  
the due pformance of their Duties as well in putting the Laws  
in Execution ag<sup>t</sup> Illegal Trade as for recovering the mony &  
Effects due to his Majesty in that Province

We are, my Lord, your Lordship's  
most Hble Serv<sup>ts</sup>

Walter Yonge

J Pulteney

T. Walker

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Custom House

13<sup>th</sup> decem<sup>r</sup> 1718

Directed to the R<sup>t</sup> Honble the Lord Guilford

Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of  
Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore And the  
Right Honble Francis Lord Guilford his Guardian To John  
Hart Esq<sup>r</sup> our L<sup>t</sup> Governour and Keeper of the Great Seale  
of the said Province of Maryland And in his Absence to our  
Keeper of the Great Seale of the Province for the time being

Whereas Thomas Macnemara Esq<sup>r</sup> by an Order made in  
the Court of Chancery the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Octob<sup>r</sup> One Thousand  
Seven hundred and Seventeen Stands Suspended from his