

Gentleman of the Lower House.

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Their Lpps have Acquainted you that the Act ascertaining the Gauge and tare of Tobacco ^{hh^{ds}} wherein there is a Provision for the Lord Prop^{rys} Revennue and the Support of his Govern^t Lyes under their Lpps Consideration. What motives you might have to Prepare that Bill which made the 12^d p ^{hh^d} for the Support of Government payable to the Governour for the Time being I was Ignorant of at the Time of passing it and should have still remained so for I have ever inviolably preserved the Priviledges of your House but I am now Acquainted with your Proceedings an Officer of your own having given better Informacōn of this Affair in great Brittain than you thought Convenient for my knowledge here.

The violent Feaver which it Pleased God to visit me with at the Time of the Preparing that Bill rendred me incapable of giving my usuall and Constant Attendance in the Upper house for the necessary Dispatch of Buisness in the Time of the Assembly by Consequence from hearing the Debates in the Upper house and considering your Messages on that Bill so shall take the Liberty to make use of their Lpps Arguments why that Part of the Act should be altered and the mony raised thereby made payable to his Lpp the Lord Prop^{ry} and not to the L^t Governour for the Time being this being the only Excepcon to that Act.

The Lord Prop^{ry} by his Charter from the Crown being Hereditary Govern^r of Maryland, all rights of Government do undoubtedly belong to his Lpps And therefore his Lpp's cannot consent with Honour that what is raised for the Support of Governm^t should be made payable to any person who Acts by Deputacon under his Lpp. These reasons Carry in themselves such Weight as I hope there will be no Occasion to offer any more to induce you to alter that Act in the manner Proposed.

As for my Part who have the Hon^r to represent his Lpp in this Province I must acknowledge their is so Generous a Support made for the Dignity of my Station that his Lordship's Liberality has left no Room to desire any New favours from the Country tho' I am very thankful to you for what has been already Conferred on me, which I fully enjoy. And as I have ever endeavour'd to promote (as much as in me lay) the true Intrest of this Province as the most Grateful return I could make for the many Marks of Esteem they had given me. So I shall Constantly apply myself to do whatever is proper for me in my Capacity that may be Conducive to the Publick Welfare of Maryland. And therefore earnestly recomēd to you that you will on your Parts preserve that