

effects due to His Majesty in this province, than as a judge of L. H. J. Equity, and for my Conscience I am Answerable to my God alone, and defye the most Invidious of my Enemys to make out either Partiality or Corrupcōn against me and Surely I should have made my Court with a very Ill Grace to so just and good a King, as his Majestye is, If I Should have given up the property of his Subjects, meerly because his Name was made use of, by those imployed under him.

This was one cause why I gave up the Seals But what more Immediately obliged me to that Resignation is herewith In-closed, ffor when I found I could no longer maintain the Honour and Dignity of my Station as Chancellor I voluntarily and Chearfully gave up my Interest that I might preserve my Integrity which no power on Earth can remove from me.

Jo. Hart.

My Lord.

We have the Honour of your Lordships Letter of the 9th of September last Transmitting to us the address that had been presented to the Lord Baltimore and to your Lordship by the Upper and Lower Houses of the Generall Assembly of Maryland, wherein Maurice Birchfield Esq^r Surveyor Generall of the Southern Continent of America is Represented to have put Severall hardships on the Inhabitants of Maryland by the manner of his Proceedings against Severall persons, who were debtors to Merchants that had fail'd Considerably Indebted to his Majesty for the dutys on Tobacco in this part. We haveing Examined into His Conduct in those matters do not find the said Birchfield has done any more than his duty, and we take this Oppertunity to acquaint your Lordshipp that it appears to us by Severall Instances, that his Majesties Service has Suffered by the Obstruction the said Birchfield has met with from Col Hart Lieut. Governor of Maryland; we therefore Desire that your Lordship will be pleasd to direct the said Lieutenant Governor not to Obstruct his Majesty's Service under our Management, But that he will be Assisting p. 23 to the Officers of the Customs in His Government, as by Law he is required to do, in the due performance of their Dutys as well in putting the Laws in Execution against Illegal Trade, as for Recovering the money and effects due to his Majesty in that Province.

Custom House
13th Dec^r 1718

Directed
To the R^t Hon^{ble} the Lord Guilford

We are my Lord
Your Lordships
Most humble Servants
Walter Young
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T. Walker