

Dissented to the Late Act made for Limitation of Officers L. H. J.  
ffees Yet we Cannot in our Judgment approve thereof, well  
knowing that tis neither for our Honour or the Peoples  
Interest, in the Dispatch of their Business That Publick  
Ministers should be deprived of those Allowances which by  
Law they have Enjoyed; and w<sup>ch</sup> ought not only to be Suffi-  
cient to pay them for their Labour, but Large enough to  
encourage Industry and integrity in Men of Ability to Ad-  
minister the affairs of the Government, whether actually  
residing in the Province, or attending the person of yo<sup>r</sup> Lord  
and Proprietary wherever he is.

Gentlemen, The Ease, we find in the Receipt of the Severall  
Duties on Tobacco Settled in Lieu of our Quitt Rents &  
Alienation Fines and the better to enable us to Support our  
Government whereby you are protected together with the Great  
benifit & advantage which the poorer and more numerous  
part of the Inhabitants of our Province reap from thence in  
the Nonpayment of their Rents as reserved, has induced us, p. 10  
for the Common Good to Consent & Recommend to you to  
pass a Law for Continuance of the Act Entitled an Act Ascertain-  
ing the Gauge and Tare of Tobacco hh<sup>ds</sup> &c. to Commence  
& remain in force for Three years to Come from the Expira-  
tion of the said Act, Whereby the af<sup>d</sup> Dutys arise: and we  
Cannot think you'll need to be put in Mind to Continue the  
Act for regulating of Ordinaries for the reasons (amongst  
many others) recited in the preamble thereof.

We are much Concern'd Gentlemen that you our friends &  
Tenants, his Maj<sup>ty's</sup> good Subjects can have no Expectation  
of Benefit from the Duty of one penny p pound laid on  
Tobacco Transported from Plantation to Plantation his Late  
majesty King William of Glorious Memory having by let-  
ters Patents under the great Seale of England settled the  
Same forever on the Colledge of Virginia. But do not doubt  
with your Assistance by our Owne power to Establish such  
a fund for Encouragement of Learning in Maryland as to  
Answer the very pious & Worthy Design of Supporting the  
Free School already built at Annapolis; but to make it so  
Effectually usefull, That yo<sup>r</sup> own Children, there made Ca-  
pable, may reap the Advantage of Discharging the Severall  
Offices of Government both in Church & State to the Con-  
version of yo<sup>r</sup> Neighbours and fellow Citizens from the  
Superstition of the Church of Rome, and to the manifest good  
of us all in the Equall Distribution of Justice.

Baltimore  
Guilford