

reaches all the plantations, the Contractors with the Crown L. H. J.  
 are Empowered to transport them and sell them for the Term  
 of years they are Judged for; then they become the property  
 of the purchasers but if according to our late Act the  
 purchasers (upon refusing to give the Surety therein men-  
 tioned) were to have their Servants put in prison, their  
 property would thereby Certainly be invaded, which is an  
 Evill, to be avoided; I could heartily wish they were sent to  
 any other of his Majesty's plantations, but while we purchase  
 they will send them, and we bring the Evill upon ourselves.

October 15<sup>th</sup> 1725.

Cha: Calvert

Charles absolute Lord and Prop<sup>ty</sup> of the Provinces of Mary-  
 land and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c To our Right  
 Trusty and Well beloved Charles Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> our Lievten-  
 ant Governour of our said Province of Maryland, and to our  
 right Trusty & Well-beloved the Upper and Lower Houses  
 of our Generall Assembly there; and to all others of our said  
 province of Maryland for the Time being Greeting.

Seale C. Baltimore

Whereas at a Sessions of Assembly begun and held in our  
 province of Maryland the 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of September and ending  
 the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October in the Eighth year of our Dominion  
 over the said province Annoq Domini 1723, An Act passed  
 Entituled an Act to prevent [the] Great Evills arising by the  
 Importation of Convicts into this Province and for the better  
 discovery of such when Imported

And whereas it hath been represented to us that the said  
 Act may and will in a Great measure disable the Contractor  
 w<sup>th</sup> the Government of England for Transporting of Felons  
 to his Majesty's plantations from performing his said Con-  
 tract, and that the said Act does in a great measure destroy the  
 intents of the Acts of Parliam<sup>t</sup> made for that purpose in Eng-  
 land: and their Excellencies the Lords Justices in Council  
 having last August disallowed An Act of the Like nature in  
 his Majesty's Collony of Virginia, We on consideration of  
 the aforesaid Act made in Maryland have thought fit to Dis-  
 sent to the same and do hereby declare the said Act to be null  
 and void and of no Effect

Given under our hand and Seale at Arms at London the  
 eighth day of June in the ninth year of our Dominion over  
 the said province of Maryland Annoq Domini 1724

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Which were read and referr'd for further Consideration