

Act on the same page touching the Lord Prop^{rtys} Stock of L. H. J. Cattle and other Estate within the Province wherein it is Recited, That whereas his Lordship had Suffered many and great Injuries and Losses in the Disposall of his Stock of Cattle and other his Lordship's Estate within the Province which said Stock of Cattle with other his Lordships Estate was Engaged by Leonard Calvert Esq^r his Lordships Late Governour here before his Death to Diverse Soldiers here for their pay for their Service in the Defence and Safety of his Lordships Province and since Delivered according to the Late Governours Engagement aforesaid Notwithstanding which this Assembly being desirous to give his Lordship Honourable Satisfaction therein ordered that no Inhabitant shou'd sell or Transport any of the Cattle that had been his Lordships at the times therein mentioned but should preserve them and their whole Increase Intire till the March following or untill his Lordships pleasure should be further known on pain of forfeiting double their Value &c. which Acts were thus Subscribed

The freeman have Assented Tho: Hatton
The Gov' hath Assented W^m Stone

These Records may serve to give your Lordship some Information Concerning the Burthen of the first Seaters of Your Province tho in the above Instances the Charge as we take it was not for Soldiers against the Indians only but also against the English Protestants that Came from Virginia to Seat at the River Severn which is now the Seat of Government and in the same Year we find an Act for the Defence of the Province against the Indians also so that Your Lordships Tennants had other Difficulties to Support themselves under besides what the Recited Acts mention.

What Fruits then May it please your Lordship do we Reap? and what Reward for purchasing, occupying and Rescuing Your Estate, that was then but Little more than a Name, from the Hands of those, that all Your Prerogatives Mentioned in Your Charter cou'd never have oblig'd to surrender up one foot of, had not the Priviledges therein granted to the People Encourag'd them to bear the Brunt and Charges of every partial Skirmish By which, thro' providence, they prov'd the happy Instruments of your Success? Must our Reward be to Enthrall our selves, for freeing and advancing your Estate? Is Your Lordship's Business so well Done, that you have no occasion to be further just to the Conditions upon which we have Serv'd you? May you abhor the Thought! But if your Lordship pleases to persist in this,