

L. H. J. their Reward, tho' you are unwilling they should find it out of the same Levies they received it, long before at the Time, and ever since the making the Act, which among other things raises the Twelve pence p hogshead, in the Absence of the Lord Proprietary, towards the better maintaining the Dignity and Station of his Lieutenant Governour, actually inhabiting and residing within this Province; And to such other Necessary uses towards the Support and Defence of the Lord Proprietary's Government of this Province, as in his Lordship's Wisdom to him shall seem meet: But on the Contrary alledge, that ample Provision was made, and annually raised by that Act; And therefore it ought not to be annually levyed by a Poll Tax again on the People, Whereas it was never mentioned, or intended, or even imagined till of late by some, that their Allowance should Come out of any Part of the Duty raised by Vertue of that Act, whereby I give up so great a Part of my Property as all my Quit Rents and Alienation Fines are; And I hope none of my good Tenants will Persist in thinking any longer that it ought But rather choose to shew their Duty in their Actions, as well as expressions, by Consenting that the Councill of State should have their Recompence in the same manner they have long Since found it, And not put me upon the unwilling Task of Shewing the People of Maryland the true Value of my said Rents and Fines, And the necessary Consequences of Advantage attending me in a just and legall Collection of them, above the Composition, I have consented to take in Lieu of them by the Temporary Continuance of that Act

C. Baltemore

p. 11 After which his Honour the Governour was pleased to make the following Speech viz.

Gentlemen.

His Lordship's Answer is so full that there remains nothing for me to say; Yet I cannot but think our selves happy in Coming to a right understanding in relation to the Laws, in following the Practice of them, as they have been us'd among us.

As to his Lordship's Revenue, as it now stands, I may Venture to affirm, he gives up half his property; For the quit Rents and Alienation Fines (were they to be levied in Sterling money, according to the Tenor of the Grants) would amount to a very great Summ; And the only Difficulty, that