

L. H. J. Country & very few buyers at any price; And that then the Lawyer will be sure to have his fees paid him in Tobacco when it is not of any Service; But when it is Valuable he is Excluded a Share of the Common benefit besides the hardship put upon the Lawyers the Clyents are Deprived of the Service of those Lawyers that they Actually employed and pay fees to in the Business now depending and that will not Qualify themselves by taking the Oath Prescribed which Very few of the Profession that are not induced thereto by mere Necessity or Very Ignorant will do and those that trade into the Province (tho it is known that the Inhabitants Cannot Subsist without being Supplied by them) are put under unheard of Difficulties and hardships by the following Provisoe.

Provided that this Act nor any thing therein Contained shall Extend nor be Construed to Extend to hinder any Person or Persons resident beyond the Seas or in any of the Neighbouring Provinces or Collonies being Plaintiff or Defendant in any Action hereafter to be Commenced who are not Actually in this Province or represented by their Agents or Attornys in fact at the time of Commencing such Action from Prosecuting or Defending their Action aforesaid without being Tied down to the taking the Oath or Affirmation (if a Quaker) of Plaintiff or Defendant aforesaid anything in this Act to the Contrary Notwithstanding.

Tho' Seemingly made in favour of non Residents yet as it is Penned it is Conceived puts them under this Dilemma that if they have Agents or Attornys in fact in the Country they (the non Residents) are Obliged to take the Oath of Plaintiff or Defendant themselves within this Province if they have not Agents or Attornys in fact they need not Swear But then they are Incapable of suing or Defending themselves from any Suits Commenced against them (which are Common in Order to Attack their Effects) without some
 p. 194 Person to Represent them. This Dilemma will remain as long as the Law remains in force & Whether that should be for the whole three years or a Shorter time the non Residents will be great Sufferers it being very Certain that the least Obstruction in recovering or Securing a Debt is Very often the Loss of it these things being promised it is thought necessary to add that the Province of Maryland was Granted by his Late Majesty King Charles the first of Blessed Memory to his Lordship the Lord Baltmore by a Charter under the great Seal of England & that the better to Encourage people to Come into the Province & reside in it besides the power granted to the Lord Proprietor Several Very Simple Priviledges are Granted by the Royal Charter to the people such as the Participation of all the Rights Libertys & Priviledges of English Subjects in the Strongest and most Comprehensive Terms & that nothing may be wanting for the good Government & Happiness of the Country the Lord Proprietary with the Assent of the freemen or there Representatives are Empowered to make and Enact Laws to enforce