

rent for the last half Year Except the persons from whom such L. H. J.  
arrearages are owing will Discharge the whole Lib. No. 45

4<sup>thly</sup> as the Scarcity of Sterling money may Subject some People to the Necessity of paying Bills of Exchange we are Content in favour to such to receive the rents that way but as there is an unavoidable Expense attends the Negotiateing Bills of Exchange and as in a great Number of Bills there will be a great probability that some of them may prove bad which will be very unreasonable Loss to the Collectors you are therefore Strictly to Observe that you take no Bills whatsoever without an Allowance of two pounds Ten Shillings 7 Cent and also you take no Bill from any person whatsoever but where Several persons will Joyne for the Sums and Indorse for one Another and Even then not to take Bills but when it is in Discharge of the whol years Rent

5<sup>thly</sup> where the Necessitys of people Oblige them to pay foreign p. 699 whole Gold Cut Gold foreign Silver or paper money as it may be thought a Hardship absolutely, to refuse them you are to take them on no Other Terms than at the following rates Viz. Moidores at 25 s Pistoles 15 s French Guineas at 21 s Cut Gold at 2/9 a penny weight whole pieces of eight at 60 7 Cent Other Spanish Silver at two for one Dollars at 2/3 and paper mony at 200 7 Cent

Samuel Chew John Galloway

Baltimore County April 6<sup>th</sup> 1737

And the following Depositions.

The Reverend M<sup>r</sup> James Williamson of Calvert County being Sworn on the Holy Evangells of Almighty God Declares that sometime in June 1735 to the Best of this Deponents Knowledge M<sup>r</sup> Philip Thomas with Richard Stallings One of the Sub Sheriffs of the said County and destrained one Negroe Ladd of the Proper goods and Chattles of this Deponent before any Demand was ever made by any person whatsoever on this Deponant upon which the Said Thomas and Stallings Came up to this Deponants House and thereupon the said Thomas told this Deponant that he had destrained the aforesaid Slave for this Deponants rent whereupon this Deponant Offered to the Said Thomas whole Spanish Gold French Gold and Cut Gold Sufficient in either Specie to Discharge the Said Thomases Demand for said Rent whose answer was to this Deponant that he would take Nothing but Sterling mony and this Deponant further upon his Oath aforesaid Saith that the aforesaid Negroe Continued under the Distress aforesaid for the Space of two Days at which time this Deponant procured the Sterling money and paid the same to the said Stallings who Discharged the said Negroe upon this Deponants giving his Note for the Payment of all the Sheriffs fees Accruing by reason of the Distress so made as aforesaid

James Williamson