

him to favour me wth a Line of what he knew or heard Ab^t the Black Book
Indians &ca. w^{ch} is here inclosed, No. 5

I am wth resp^t

Yo^r Humble Serv^t

Nat: Rigbie, Sher. Bal. Co^{ty}

NB. Y^r Let^r Did not Come to my hand till 8th of Aug^t nor Does Calvert
Any Publick Lett^{rs} till almost worne out. Papers 278
p. 76

M^r Att^{ny} Gen^l's Opinion, in answer to the Four Querys given by
Lord Baltimore, concerning the Right of Nominating a Treasurer
in Maryland, viz

NB. Said opinion was inclosed to Gov^r Ogle in a letter to him
dated Jan^{ry} the 29th 1736/7 & order'd to be Enter'd in the Council
Books at Annapolis.

Qu: 1st Whether by the Charter of Maryland the Lord Proprie-
tor has not a Right to the Nomination of all Officers in general, civil
as well as Military?

Ans^r I am of opinion That by the Charter of Maryland the
Lord Proprietor has a Right to Nominate & appoint all officers in
general, as well Civil as Military.

Qu: 2^d Whether there is any thing Particular in the Nature of
the Office of Treasurer of either Shore to Exempt it from the s^d
Nomination?

Ans^r It does not appear to me That there is anything so particu-
lar in the nature of the Office of Treasurer of either shore, as to take
the Right of Nomination to this office, from the Lord Proprietor,
& to give it to any other persons.

Qu: 3^d Whether a few precedents in this case, of a Treasurer
being appointed by the Tri partite concurrence of both Houses of
Assembly & the Governor, can or doe overthrow his Lordship's
Right?

Ans^r All the Precedents except one, being between 1692 and p. 77
1716, when my Lord Baltimore was out of Possession I am of
opinion That they will not overthrow his Ldsp's Right, founded upon
such plain words in the Charter.

Qu: 4th Whether the Precedents hereto annex'd, doe divest the
Proprietor of his Right of Nomination to the office of Treasurer or
Treasurers so nominated giving the Security the Law directs?

Ans^r The Treasurer or Treasurers when nominated by the Lord
Proprietor, must give such Security as the Law directs.

To the other part of this Query, I have given an Answer already.

Sigⁿ'd by J: Willes Jan^{ry} 22^d 1736/7