

Two: And We likewise find Records and Proceedings of the said L. H. J. Court, to October Term, Seventeen Hundred and forty Three: And we find Deeds Recorded in the said office, to April Seventeen Hundred and forty four; and the said office generally in good Order. Your Committee have likewise viewed the Commissary's office, and find Wills Recorded in the said office, to November Seventeen Hundred and forty Three; and Accounts entered to July, Seventeen Hundred and forty Three; and Inventories to January, Seventeen Hundred and forty Three, and the Books and papers generally in good. Your Committee have likewise viewed the Land-office and find that several Certificates and Patents are Recorded to December, Seventeen Hundred and forty Two; and that many Certificates are not Recorded, for want of Caution being paid, or other Requisites; that the Composition Money paid his Lordship for vacant uncultivated Lands, is five pounds Sterling per Hundred, and four Shillings Sterling Yearly Rent, which in our neighbouring Colony of Virginia, immediately under his Majesty's Government, is no more than Ten shillings Sterling for every Hundred Acres, and that given by his Majesty into the Treasury of that Colony, for defraying the Contingent Charges of Government, and the Yearly Rent has not exceeded Two Shillings Sterling per Hundred Acres, and that payable at the Choice of the people there, in Tobacco at one penny per pound; which Composition is taken in Maryland by the following Instruction.

Copy of his Lordship's first Instruction, dated at London, December 15, 1738.

We do Authorize and empower you, with the Advice and Consent of Our Governor and Secretary for the time being, to grant any Surplus or other Lands, our Manors or Reserves excepted, on such Terms and Conditions as to you shall seem equitable and just; tho' not under the Conditions of four shillings Reserved Rents, and five Pounds Sterling Caution Money per Hundred Acres. You are nevertheless to Demand, where you Judge the Case will admit of it, such further Caution Money and Reserved Rent, as to you the Governor and Secretary, for the time being, shall seem Just and expedient.

We also find that there is an Instruction of Seventeen Hundred and Thirty Three, where the Composition is to be at forty shillings sterling per Hundred Acres, and Ten Shillings Sterling Reserved Rent per annum, of which the Register says no use has been made, since the above Instruction of the fifteenth of September, Seventeen Hundred and Thirty Eight; and that the Books and papers are generally in good Order. All which is Humbly Submitted to the Consideration of your Honourable House. p. 410

Signed per Order E. Dorsey Cl. Com.