

U. H. J. what may be done in another Colony is no Authority for our doing  
 Liber No. 35 it here, unless our Circumstances and Constitution of Government  
 May 4 are similar

Altho' we presume Lord Baltimore might not at this Crisis insist upon what he seems to be so well intitled to, and might rather chuse to waive it now than obstruct his Majesty's Service by strictly adhering to his Charter, yet so far as he is immediately concerned in point of Property in the Execution of the Bill you have proposed, he will without Doubt expect as in all Reason & Justice he ought to have the Nomination of such Commissioners as would have any Power to rate his Estate, and upon the same Foundation We expect the same, and without Reserve declare to you that we never will consent to any Bill to affect our Estates without having an equal Share with yourselves in the Nomination of Commissioners.

p. 310 We do not desire that the Estates of the People may be taxed by Officers deriving their Power from the sole Nomination of Lord Baltimore nor by any Officers vested with the Powers given by your Bill. We think that the old Method of taxing wo.<sup>d</sup> be attended with the most Ease and Convenience and the least Expence and Influence but if you will essay another Method we shall not object to it merely because we dont think it the most eligible, however we can't but observe that when the Allowances of 14/ : & 15/ p Diem to the Members of the general Assembly are to be paid we have heard of no Objection to the Propriety Convenience or Equality of the old Mode of taxing, and that in Order to avoid a Poll Tax and essay another Method so much Time has been spent as can't but prove detrimental to his Majesty's Service, should this Province at last not be distinguished from every other Colony by a Refusal to contribute any Thing to forward it, and cost your Constituents /to speak greatly within Compass/ at least an eighth Part of the Sum proposed to be granted, and that Sum too will be raised by the old Method of Poll Tax

You have bestowed the contemptuous Epithet " trifling " upon our Objection to the very scanty Reward you had given to the Commissioners of the Loan Office. We alledged that the Officers appointed by the Bill ought to have Rewards proportioned to their Services the Trust reposed in them, and the Trouble attending the Execution of it, and that whether these Services are added to Duties incident to a previous Appointment made by the Government or constitute the whole Duty of the Officers intended to be originally created by the Bill," and then we shewed that these Rules had not been observed by the Bill

Our Position you do not seem to deny on the Contrary you say " that these Officers ought to be equally rewarded in Proportion to the Merit of their Services "