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by the Bill to all the Commissioners of the Loan Office and their Clerk, yet the Agents when that is paid will each of them receive more than thirty one Times the Reward given by your Bill to each of the Commissioners of the Loan Office.

The Pretence you have thought of for oppressing the Commissioners of the Loan Office will hardly be insisted upon to justify your Attempt to oppress his Lordship's Agent; he is a private Officer appointed by Lord Baltimore and paid by his Lordship out of his Revenue; that the Services required of him under a Penalty would be attended with much Trouble you cannot but suppose.

Part of several of his Lordship's Manors and reserved Lands are under Patent upon the common Terms; the Quantity under this Circumstance can't be ascertain'd but with much Trouble and some Expence

The Duties required of the Receivers of his Lordship's Quit Rents in our Opinion are so far from being compensated by the 40/. Reward, that we think no Person not compelled by the Severity of Penalties would undertake them for five Times that Sum, and we are not convinced that you have any more Authority too exact by pœnal Provisions, Services from the private Officers of the Proprietary, appointed by him to manage and collect his Revenue, than you have to compel the Services of the Agent or Factor of any private Person

We have not said that the Allowance to the Commissioners of the Land tax is extravagant, nor do we think the Commission of the Agents, exceeds the Merit of their Services, what we remarked was that the Rewards given to the Persons who had been appointed by the Government or employed by Lord Baltimore in the Affairs of his Revenue were inadequate, and by a fair Comparison we undertook to shew that the Bill was extremely partial to the Persons you had assumed the Power of nomination.

p. 313 If the Office of Sheriff is more lucrative than it ought to be, it arises from the Commission allowed him for the Services he does for private Persons & who ought therefore to be relieved by a Deduction of the Commission if it is too high, we suppose the Commission of 6 : p Cent given to the Sheriffs by Act of Assembly was not with a View of taking from private Persons more than the Services done for them deserved, that thereby the Sheriffs might be enabled to perform Services for the Public at a less Rate than they are really & independently considered worth/ if such a View was entertained it can't be defended, and such a Regulation ought to take Place as may apportion the Commission of Sheriffs to their respective Services

Without Doubt as you have observed, a Sheriff may execute the Office of Collector with less Trouble and Difficulty than any other