

MSS. & not immediately to his Lordsp^s No further Notice was then taken
 Calvert of it. But about the begining of May 1757. M.^r Stuart Addressed &
 Papers Left a Written Memorial with his Lordship Stating.
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May 1757. Mem.^{ll} of M.^r Stuart ag.st the Act.

That in 1754. the Assembly of Maryland Passed a Law Imposing a Duty of 20.^s p Head on all Servants Imported there; Under the Authority of which Law the Naval Officers there had Enacted & Received of the Memorialist's Agents the sum of 20.^s p Head for Convicts Transported to that Place in Obedience to the Memorialist's Contracts with his Maty & his Courts of Justice in this Kingdom.

Also Stating y.^e 2. foll. Acts of Parliam.^t made in the late King's Reign Viz.^t

Act 4.th Geo: I. C. II. This Statute for y.^e more Effectual Transportation of Felons,

"After Reciting that it had been found by Experience that y.^e Punishm.^{ts} Inflicted by the Laws ag.st the Offences therein Enumerated had not Proved Effectual to Deter Persons from being Guilty of those Crimes; and that many Persons to whom Royal Mercy had been Extended, upon Condition of Transporting themselves to the West Indies, had often Neglected to perform that Condition; And that in many of his Majestys Colonies and Plantations in America, there was great Want of Servants, who by their Labour & Industry might be the Means of Improving & making y.^e s.^d Colonies & Plantations more Usefull to this Nation.

ditto " Enacts That Where any Person Shall be Convicted of the Felonies therein Specified, it should be Lawfull for the Court, before whom they were Convicted, To Order such Offenders to be sent to some of His Majestys Colonies & Plantations in America for the Several Terms of 7. Years, 4. Years, or for Life (According to their Respive Crimes) and to Convey Transfer & make Over such Offenders to the Use of any Person who Shall Contract for the Performance of such Transportation, & to his Assigns for such Terms.

" It also Enacts That such Contracts Shall previous to the Delivery of such Offenders to him to be Transported give Sufficient Security to the Satisfaction of Such Court, Effectually to Transport such Offenders to some of his Matys Colonies & Plantations in America, as shall be Ordered by y.^e s.^d Court & procure an Authentic Certate from the Governor or Chief Custome House Officer of y.^e Place (w.^{ch} Certificate they are thereby Required to give forthwith, without Fee or Reward as soon as Conveniently may be) of the Landing of such Offenders so Transferred, as afores.^d, in that place whereto they Shall be Ordered, (Death & Casualties of the Sea Excepted) & that none of the s.^d Offenders