

As to the Duties required from Lord Baltimores Private Officers his Agent and receiver

Here my Lord ought to interpose; for it is a great indignity to compel his Lordships Agents into a Publick Service without making them a Liberal allowance and Compensation for their Trouble

As to that required from the Sheriffs

This my Lord will leave to be Debated by the two Houses

As to the Power of the Upper House to Examine Claims and Accounts

The Upper House are right in making a stand to this Clause in the Bill and should take care how they Admit Encroachments of this kind where they are Supported by Arguments drawn from the Exercise of Like rights in the House of Commons here: The Constitution of the two Assemblies differ fundamentally in many respects. Our House of Commons stands upon its own Laws, The *Lex Parliamenti*, Whereas assembles in the Colonies are regulated by their respective Charters, Usages and the Common Law of England, and will never be Allowed to Assume all those Priviledges which the House of Commons are intituled to Justly here upon Principals that neither can nor must be applied to the Assemblies of the Colonies

As to the Narrowness of the Exemption of Persons to be Assessors

My Lord has nothing to do with this

As to the Double Tax on Non-Jurors

My Lord would do right to join with the Upper House in Opposing this Double Tax because it is a Breach of Publick Faith and tends to Subvert the very foundations of the Maryland Constitution and can be Excused by Nothing but a well Grounded Jealousy of Dangerous Practices and Disafection in the Papists. p. 420

As to the Clause enabling Debtors and Creditors to retain.

This is very Absurd but my Lord need not meddle with it.

As to the Tax on Non Residents and Imports

The Upper House are clearly right in that part of their Objection which relates to British merchandizes imported for I am satisfied the Mother Country will never endure such an Impost upon their Trade, the Province may by the same rule Prohibit the Importation, as well as they may Tax the merchandize imported and it seems to be a very unwarrantable Attempt to make the English importer of Goods carried to Maryland in the way of trade, pay a Tax for the defence of that Province for no other Consideration but the Liberty of Trading there to which they have an original right, which cannot