

Charges of Government been guilty of the same Practices that they have continued ever since "That of receiving Public Money and converting it to their own Use to the Impoverishing of the Country and Defraud of the Public" no very reasonable Motive to the Legislature in 1704 to make a perpetual Law burthening their Staple with a Revenue to the same Family the Head of which at that Time was disabled by his Religious Principles to exercise not only the Office of Governor but even the most trifling Office within the English Dominions But it will be necessary as to this 12.^d ¶ Hh.^d not only to exclude the Rule your Honours are so willing to adopt with Regard to the Clks Salary but to shew that L.^d Baltimore is either Heir or Successor to Queen Anne for the Duty being granted to her Majesty her Heirs and Successors for the Support of her Government for the Time being in and over her Mātys Province afs.^d & the Territories to the same belonging" he must to entitle himself under that Grant shew that he is within the Terms of it that is Heir and Successor to Queen Anne

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These Facts sufficiently evince the Peculiarity of the Circumstances of this Province pointed at in our Message to which you affect to be such entire Strangers and as we do not know of any so we hope no part of his Mātys Dominions are in similar Circumstances p. 339

Should we be so unhappy as to disagree as to the Right of L.^d Baltimore to receive the Tonnage or 12.^d ¶ Hh.^d we cannot doubt your Concurrence as to the Obligation to apply at least 12.^d ¶ Hh.^d Amerciements and Fines and Forfeitures to defray the Charges of Government and consequently that an Account is to be rendered thereof and though we do not claim the Right to make the pārlar Applications we do contend that we have a Right to see that Applications are made of the whole and that until that Fact shall appear we shall think Ourselves excused from levying more or applying other Money to defray the Expences of Government nor shall we admit your Honours Belief of that Fact as Evidence in a Mre that you yourselves are so entirely ignorant that you can form no Guess for we take it that it is equally necessary to know what is reced as what is expended to induce a Knowledge or reasonable Belief that nothing remains

No Instance occurring to your Honours of any Dispute between the two Houses on the Subject of the Clk of the Councils Salary 'till May 1756 seems to imply that was the first Instance of any Refusal in the lower House to allow such Salary Had this been the Case or even suppose this Session had furnished the first Instance we should not have thought Precedent a Shrine at which the Rights of the People Coñon Justice and the Principles of the Constitution ought to be Sacrificed but it is strange as that Vote is connected