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and unreasonable Accounts of Fees for Prosecutions against those who had been guilty of Excesses in the Proprietary Disputes about the Limits of this Province and Pennsylvania and the absurd Claim of a late Governor founded only in the Abuse of a Trust conferred on him by the Public. Benefits to this Province now universally acknowledged and more than adequate to temporary Inconveniencies that those Struggles for Liberty and Justice occasioned. The part your Predecessors took in those glorious Conquests need not be exhited our Journals and yours are full of Messages from the Upper House very like your last and in those of our Predecessors solid Answers may be found to almost every thing you have advanced on this Subject. Truth and Reason have prevailed at last though the Journals of both Houses are mournful Histories of their being for a Time suppressed by Power or obscured by Proprietary Influence

We should think when your Honours reflect that our Constituents are remarkable in their Quickness to discover Right from Wrong that every People who dare to think at all know something of their own Interests & Rights you would forbear any Strokes to catch popular Applause in a Dispute so plainly against you. The Up: Ho: have heretofore made many Attempts to gain the Opinion and Confidence of the People but they have allways been unseasonable. At Times when they have treated the Rep^sentative Body with great Lightness and your Journals Speak the Result wherefore then should you throw out the Offer you now do? Suppose the Matter should be determined in our Favour by the King and Council as we really think it would ought the Country to pay the Exchange of a Government Agent to carry on the Dispute against the People? you might as well contend for the Propriety of a Mans being obliged before he should be allowed to prosecute or defend his Right to supply his Adversary with Money to carry on the Contest ag.^t himself. If your Honours are not closely enough connected with Lord Balt.^{re} to induce him to lay what you may think proper before the King and Council it is probable a Gentleman Calvert Esq^r mentioned in the Court Calendar as Agent for the Province of Maryland may transact this Piece of Business for you and if he has a Right to assume that Title we presume he derives his Authority from your Honours either in your Capacity of Council of State or Upper House or from some Branch of the Government and we presume whoever gave him his Title must have given him an adequate Reward for Office and Salary seem to be as closely connected as Light and Heat we would therefore propose it to your Honours Consideration whe.^r in these Times of Distress it would not be more consistent with Economy and the peoples Interest for your Hon.^{rs} to employ the Titular Agent on his Old Salary than to have if you could a new Tax on the People to support an Agent against their own Interest