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As by him the said Thomas his heirs or assigns or his or their Council learned in the law shall be reasonable devised or advised and required All which further assurances shall be and in use and shall be deemed and taken to be and in use lots only proper use and behoof of the said Thomas Laker his heirs and assigns for ever In Witness whereof the parties aforesaid to this indentures have put their hands and seals the day and years first above written.

May 13<sup>th</sup> 1693

Thos. Laker

Signed Sealed & Delivered in the presence of Edward Greenhalgh John Laker Tho. Grunwin

Thos Laker the within named Thos Booth and acknowledged the within deed to be his own and deed before us and written two of their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Justices of the said Court

13<sup>th</sup> of May 1693

Wm. Waller

Thos. Blakiston  
Nicho: Greenberry

At the Court at Whitehall the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 1692

Present

- The King Most Excellent Majesty
- Lord Duke of Guntorbury
- Lord President
- Lord Sp. Chamberlain
- Lord Chamberlain
- Earls of Bedford
- Earls of Bridgewater
- Earls of Macclesfield
- Earls of Nottingham
- Earls of Devon
- Earls of Monmouth
- Earls of Montagu
- Earls of Scarborough
- Earls of Warrington
- Earls of Ranelagh
- Vicount Newport
- Vicount Rockland
- Lord B. of London
- Sir Robert Howard
- M<sup>r</sup> Vice Chamberlain
- M<sup>r</sup> Treasurer of the Exchequer
- Lord Chief Justice Hall
- Sir Edward Seymour
- Sir Henry Goodrich
- M<sup>r</sup> Boscawen

The Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord of J. Committee for Trade and Plantations having laid before his Majesty in Council a Report from J. Thomas Treves Kn<sup>t</sup>: their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Solicit<sup>r</sup>: Gen<sup>l</sup>: upon several demands of the Lord Baltimore as Lord Proprietory of their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Province of Maryland which having been this day read at the Board as followeth (viz<sup>t</sup>)

To the R<sup>ts</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: the Lords of the Council of Trade & Plantations

In obedience to your Ex<sup>ty</sup>: order of Reference of the 19<sup>th</sup> of September last I have considered of the several demands made by my Lord Baltimore in the Province of Maryland and proposed to their Maj<sup>ties</sup>: by the Assembly of that Province, and I have been attended by the Lord Baltimore & his Council and as to the 1<sup>st</sup> Demand of Twelve pence a Hoghead for all Tobacco exported out of that Province I find the said Duty is part of a certain Duty of Six shillings a Hoghead for all Tobacco exported from that Province granted by an Act of Assembly the 7<sup>th</sup> of March 1671: One moiety whereof is by the said Act appropriated to the Publique Service for the better support of the Govern<sup>mt</sup>: and the other moiety which is the 12 pence a Hoghead now demanded by the Lord Baltimore to be required by him for his own use as Proprietor of the said Province and that the said Twelve pence a Hoghead was by Order of Council the 26<sup>th</sup> of February 1690 directed to be assessed and paid to the Lord Baltimore as Proprietor of Maryland and I do not find that the Assembly do much contest my Lord's right to this duty of twelve pence a Hoghead the Representation they have made to their Maj<sup>ties</sup>: where they say they are with their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Royall Assent ready to confirm the same to the said Province