

4thly.

Because the provision that is made by this Act, is too severe in all respects, it being repugnant to Reason & Equity, and agreeable nor consonant to any known Law in England; such Laws Enacted are contrary to the provision in my Charter, therefore for these reasons I Dissented to the s^d Act

London Nov: 20th 1729

Signed Baltimore

A Draught

of his Lordships Dissent to an Act of Assembly viz

C. Baltimore

Charles absolute Lord & Proprietary of the Province of Maryland & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. To our right Trusty & dearly beloved Brother the Hon^{ble} Benedict Leonard Calvert Esq^r: our Lieutenant Governor of our Province of Maryland, & to our Right Trusty & well beloved the Upper & Lower Houses of our Assembly there & to all others in our s^d Province of Maryland for the time being, Greeting

Whereas at a Session of Assembly begun & held at Annapolis in our s^d Province of Maryland, the 3^d day of October, & ending the 2^d day of November in the 14th year of our Dominion over the s^d Province Anno^{no} Domⁿⁱ 1728; an Act intituled an Act for Improving the Staple of Tobacco passed into a Law, on due consideration thereof We have thought fit to Dissent to the s^d Act, and Do hereby Declare the s^d Act Null, Void & of no Effect; Given under our Hand & Seal at Arms at London this 30th day of January in the 15th year of our Dominion over the s^d Province Anno^{no} Domⁿⁱ 1729.