

Further Instructions to our Agent Benjamin Tasker Esq<sup>r</sup> which must be Entered & kept in a Book on purpose together with the former Instructions delivered my late Agent M. J. Ward Esq<sup>r</sup> by my private Secretary Mr William Janssen when in Maryland; a Copy of this Book I would have sent me to England, & another Copy transmitted to your Successor.

My Quit-Rents & Alienation-Fines being payable in money - Sterling, & almost all the Specie in the Province being Foreign-Gold (great part of which is cut into small pieces for the Convenience of Charge) reckoned according to y<sup>e</sup> common Computation, not warranted by any Law the ounce at . . . . . £ 4: 2: 6 whereas gold intrinsically is worth no more than . . . £ 3: 18: 4 So that at this rate my loss would be in every <sup>£ 900</sup> ounce £ 0: 4: 2 This would not be all, for the paper currency has already (tho' not in circulation) raised the value of Bills of Exchange which is not doubted will reach to 40 P<sup>ct</sup>. or more, so I must either have the money Remitted in Specie with the Loss abovementioned, & pay Freight & Insurance, or lose by converting this money in the Country into Bills of Exchange — per Cent at least . . . £ 6: 13: 4, To avoid these Disadvantages, my Agent must give positive Orders to the Receivers of every Brand of my Revenue pay<sup>r</sup> in Sterling-money, & when they receive Foreign Gold, no more be allowed for it, than the Intrinsick Value w<sup>ch</sup> is per ounce of such as it cut into small Bits . . . £ 3: 10: — Because great Frauds have been discover'd by passing Bits of Brass &c. for gold, whereby very cautious people have been much imposed on, a great Number of people having obtain'd