

To Our Trusty & well Beloved Thomas
Bladen Esq. our Lieuten^t Governor

Baltimore

Whereas the Act made in the
Year 1704 which Provides a Support for the
Government, As also another Act which Grants a Duty
on of Tonnage of Shipping, Commonly Called of
fourteen pence of Ton, Have been by of late Assembly
Considered as Matters of Complaint, you are hereby
Directed & Injoynd to take all Imaginable Caution
That nothing be done, to weaken or Lessen Force
& Authority now have or Injoy in or Concerning any
of those points; But if the Assembly should think
fit to pass another Perpetuals Bill of the same
Import & Effect as that of 1704, you are hereby
permitted to give & Consent thereto or to any Other
Measure w^{ch} may in any Manner Conform to Act 1704

You are to take Care that no Inerachment be made
on my Power & Authority of regulating & Ascertaining
the Severall Officers fees not regulated by any Law or
Act of Assembly, but if of two Houses should pass
any Bill, w^{ch} may be a Perpetuals Law for Limiting
& Settling either such fees as are Ascertained by the
Severall Regulations now in force, or any other
table of fees to be agreed on by the two Houses
you may & are hereby permitted to give & our assent
to such Bill