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more explicate to obviate every doubt and the Inconveniencies which may result from such doubt

As to the third. It certainly invades the private Property of the Lord Proprietary, there being no saving clause for preserving his Quit Rents, and it determines upon a Doubt of Escheat without apprizing his Lordship of his Title even by extinguishing the very Right of Escheat. Therefore I think it reasonable, his Lordship should reject it for the sake of its Precedent.

I thought proper to give you these Hints of the said acts, being observations I have made, after hearing the several Pro and Con Arguments at a conference held at the Attorney Generals house in Chancery Lane, on the subject of the Laws passed at the said Assembly.

My observations on these Laws, I have in my Letter inserted to Mr. Tasher, which vary in some parts as to particulars from what I here insert to you; viz: as to the Convict act, as it will take up His Lordships most deliberate Consideration; as to the two other acts, I have hinted to him, which I do the same to you. That in case another Session of Assembly should happen after the Receipt of his Letter, the said Laws might have supplementary and explanatory acts to preserve them, and remove every objection to them here when his Lordship comes of age to take them into consideration; such explanatory Laws being obtained, will be very agreeable to His Lordship; as at taking upon him the Exercise of his Government, he would be very desirous of avoiding all occasion of dissent to any of the Laws that shall be then laid before his Lordship, which have been passed in Maryland during in his Minority. Therefore I hope you will exert your self as to this Service and completion thereof for His Lordships Ease and satisfaction.

Thus concludes my Sentiments on the said several acts which are to undergo