

Mr Francis of the Excheq.
 Lord Chief Justice Holt
 Lord Edward Seymour
 Mr Henry Goodrich
 Mr Boleyn

The Rt Hon^{ble} the Lords of the Comitt^s for Trade & Plantations
 having laid before his Maj^{ty} in Council a Report from Mr Thomas
 Groves Esq^r their Maj^{ties} Solicit^r Generall upon severall demands of
 the Lord Balt^m as Lord Proprietary of their Maj^{ties} Province
 of Maryland, which having been this day Read at the board as
 follows, viz^t

To the Rt Hon^{ble} the Lords of the Comitt^s of Trade
 & Plantations.

In obedience to yo^r Lordships Ord^r of Reference of the 19th of
 September last I have considered of the severall Demands made by my
 Lord Balt^m in the Province of Maryland and represented to
 their Maj^{ties} by the Assembly of that Province, and I have been
 attended by the Lord Balt^m and his Council; and as to his
 first Demand of two shillings a Hoghead for all Tobacco exported
 out of that Province, I find the said Duty is part of a certain
 Duty of two shillings a Hoghead for all Tobacco export^d from that
 Province, granted by an Act of the Assembly their^s of the 7th of
 March 1671. One Moiety whereof is by the said Act appropriated to
 the publick Service for the better Support of the Govern^{mt}; and the
 other Moiety which is the two shillings a Hoghead now demanded by
 the Lord Balt^m is thereby granted to the Lord Balt^m, to
 be received by him for his own Use as Proprietor of the said Province
 and that the said two shillings a Hoghead was by Ord^r of Council

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