

The 20th of Nov^r 1690, directed to be answered & paid to the Lord
 Balt:more, as Proprietor of Maryland, and I do not find that the
 Assembly do much contest my Lords Right to this Duty of Two pence
 a Hoghead, in the Representation they have made to their M^{aj}: where
 they say they are with their M^{aj}: Royall Assent ready to confirm &
 the said to his Lo^{ty}: provided his Lo^{ty}: Grant the same Conditions of
 Plantations, he did before the happy Revolution; or the same that
 their M^{aj}: do to the Colony of Virginia, to the Inhabitants of
 that Province; But what those Conditions are, it doth not appear to
 me, otherwise than by looking into the said Act of Assembly in 1691,
 by which the said Duty was granted to the Lord Balt:more, upon the
 condition, that his Lo^{ty}: should accept a pound of Tobacco instead of ten
 of every two pence sent at any time reserved upon any Grant of Land
 made by his Lo^{ty}: which Condition his Lo^{ty}: affirms to me he always hath
 and still is ready to comply with.

As to the second Demand of Fourteen pence of Ton for all Tobaccoes
 exported out of that Province, I find by an Act of the Assembly of that
 Province in 1661, it was Enacted, that ^{all} vessels whatsover not properly
 belonging to that Province having a Deck flush fore & aft, coming in, and
 trading within that Province, should pay for Port Duties & Anchorages a
 pound of powder, and Three pounds of shot, or for much in value for every
 Tun of Burthen, to the Proprietor and his heirs.

Which Duty hath by usage been turned into Money, viz^t Fourteen
 pence of Ton, and so answered to the Lord Balt:more, and constantly
 applied to his own Use, and not to the Support of the Govern^{mt}: as the
 Lord Balt:more affirms to me, and by Ord^r: of Council of the 20th of
 Nov^r 1690. This Duty of Fourteen pence of Ton was directed to be
 answered to the Lord Balt:more as Proprietor of the Province, And