

hath express'd power granted to him to erect Courts of Judicature for the better Administration of Justice, as occasion shall require; which Courts I conceive being Erected by their Maj:ts Commission, must be held in their own Names, and are their Courts and not the Lord Baltimore's, and his friends by Am'rican: their right will belong to their Maj:ts and I conceive such a Right in the Lord Baltimore to all persons &c: would be inconsistent with that part of their Maj:ts Commission to the Governor of that Province where by he hath power granted him of Remitting & pardoning fines laid upon offenders, & to according as he shall think fit Objects of Mercy, which he cannot do if the Lord Baltimore be Entitled to them.

As to the Demand of Waifs, Strays, Wild horses & Wild Dogs, I conceive that such cattle as are mentioned in the Representation to be & I claimed as Strays, are not in fact such, because they are markt with the Marke of the Owner, which the Marks being on Record, every person is at the command to have Notice to whom they belong. And I do not find that wild horses or Dogs are granted to the Lord Baltimore by the Charter of King Charles the first; And therefore I conceive the Right to them is in the Crown as being ex-Natura, and the Proprietary thereof in no: particular person, and tho there be an Act of the Assembly, which gives such Goods to which no: person hath a Right to the Lord Proprietor, yet I conceive that Act cannot take away their Maj:ts Right thereto, unless the Royal Assent had been given to such Act, which doth not appear to me was ever obtained.

As to the last Demand, in Relation to Bills, Bonds, Records & other writings belonging to his Maj:ts: I conceive that the Bills & Bonds, if the effect be as his affirm'd to me by the Lord Baltimore, that they are his securities for the several sums of Money agreed to be paid his Maj:ts by the Planters, upon his Granting Land to them, and that they were in his custody, and seized and taken from his servant their: Upon his Maj:ts