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1st Objection. The first Objection is that a Variety of different Matters quite distinct from and independant of One another are comprahended in one and the same Act which is contrary to your General Instructions, and as the doing this has the Air of tacking improper things to a useful and necessary Act, you ought most carefully to avoid every thing of this kind.

It is the Opinion of this Board that, that Instruction was only relative to new Laws not to Revising or continuing ones, but every thing of that kind will be forborn for the future.

2^d Objection. By your general Instructions you are required to take care that nothing be enacted by any Law but is immediately relative to the Matters... expressly mentioned in the Title of the Act, whereas This Act settles the Rate of Foreign Coins and makes them current and legal Tenders at those Rates and yet there is nothing in the Title that points out any such Enacting Clause.

It is the Opinion of this Board That if there is any general Instruction which requires that in the Enacting part of Bills nothing shall be inserted but what is mentioned in the Title it ought to be observed.

3^d Objection. This part of the Act relating to Foreign Coins is contrary to the Act of Parliament of the 6th of Queen Ann settling the Rates of Foreign Coins in the British Plantations, and therefore is improper to be enacted by any Assembly of Maryland, The Royal Charter of Maryland requiring all Laws passed by them to be as near as may be agreeable to and not repugnant to the Laws of England.

As the Tender proposed by this Act was not general but intended only for the Officers fees and the particular Uses of that Act this Board did not apprehend it was contrary to the Act of Queen Ann for regulating Coins.

4th Objection. The giving a Currency to foreign Coins and making them a legal Tender in Payment is exercising a Power which I much doubt whether any Plantation Assembly has a Power to do, and is doing more than was ever done by the Parliament of Great Britain.

Answered in the foregoing

5th Objection. The Currency given to foreign Coins by this Act will I greatly fear affect the Paper Currency of Maryland and be greatly prejudicial to the publick of the Province.

It was thought better to suffer a little Inconveniency by the Chance of Lowering the Value of the Paper Currency than a Certainty of losing the Advantages to the Province by the passing so advantageous a Law as the Inspection Law.

6th Objection. That part of the Act limiting the fees of my Officers is an Infringement on my Prerogative Rights, and as no Reasons have been offered to me or are mentioned in the said Act to shew the necessity or Reasonableness of this Part of the Act I can by no means suffer this part of the Act to continue.

That as the late Lord Proprietary had settled the Officers fees by the first Inspection Law, and as this only Reduced the fractional parts of the Officers fees from what they were settled by the former Law, This for the most