

established and by what Laws or other Authority? To what service is it appropriated. How applied and disposed of, and in what manner are the Accounts Audited and passed?

17. What are the Establishments Civil and Military within your Government, By what Authority do the Several Officers hold their places, What are the Names of the Present Officers, when were they appointed and what is the reputed annual Value of those Offices; What Salaries and Fees have they, by what Authority are their Salaries and Fees paid and under what Regulations?

18. What is the Constitution of the Government in general, & particularly what Courts are there established, for the due Administration of Justice; when were those Courts established, and under what Authority; What are their Rules of Proceeding, and how are the Judges and other subordinate Officers appointed?

Answers to the Queries that were sent by the Right Honourable the Lords of Trade and Plantations to the Lieutenant Governor of Maryland

Maryland is situated on both sides of Chesapeak Bay between the Province of Pennsylvania and Dominion of Virginia, that Part of it that lies to the Eastward of the Bay is a flat level Country, the Western Part is more hilly, and about One hundred Miles inland from the Bay grows pretty Mountainous, the whole Country is well watered, the Soil varies as it does in England, in general is fertile; the Summers here from May till the Beginning of September are generally very hot, so that the Mercury in Fahrenheit's Thermometers will frequently, especially in the Months of July and August, rise to Ninety two Degrees, during that season there are frequent gusts or violent Thunder Showers which commonly come from the North West and cool the Air, from the middle of September till the middle of December we have generally fair moderate Weather; between that time and March often severe Frosts, so as to freeze the largest of our Rivers, but it is very seldom that such intense Frosts continue more than a fortnight or three weeks, The longest Day in this Climate is about fourteen hours and fifty Minutes, the Shortest Nine hours and nine minutes, There are more than Twenty Rivers in the Province navigable for large Ships, in most of which Rivers several Vessels are loaded every year but there are not any Particular Ports or Harbours, nor any considerable Towns or Places of Trade: Annapolis the Metropolis which contains about Two hundred Houses, by the latest Observations taken was found to lie in the Latitude of Thirty Eight Degrees forty Minutes, and by Computation is about Seventy Six Degrees thirty Minutes West Longitude from London,