

of Spirituous Liquors & Wines, or an Excise on such as may  
be either imported to or made on the Continent which indeed  
I think the most preferable; or By a Stamp Duty or something  
similar to it on Deeds & Writings, if such a Proposal as  
this last mentioned should be made, it would be well to guard  
against any words being inserted in the Bill, that may be  
construed to affect Patents for Land; & if would I conceive  
be proper for the Law to order the Enrollment of all Deeds  
of Bargain & Sale, & to invalidate, all Deeds of Trust unless  
they be also properly stamped & enrolled as well as Deeds of  
Sale, in the Provincial, or County Clerks Office, where  
I apprehend the Stamp or Seal, ought to be lodged. Deeds  
of Bargain & Sale, are indeed, ordained to be enrolled already  
by a Law of this Province passed in 1713: but to avoid the  
Lapse that would attend a Non-Enrollment & at the same  
time to excuse themselves from an Alienation Fine to his  
Ldps: Deeds of Trust are many times given by the  
Inhabitants which are equivalent to a Deed of Sale  
enrolled, moreover can be given or received without the  
Parties satisfying the Fine due to his Ldp where Lands  
are thereby conveyed: This is an Evil which will never  
I am afraid be provided against by a Maryland Assembly  
but would be easily prevented by such an Act of Parliament