

To Lord Shelburne Annapolis the 14th May 1767

My Lord

In obedience to His Majesty's pleasure, signified to me by Your L^{ty}'s Letter of the 11th of December last I herewith transmit Your Lordship an exact Estimate of the Annual Charge of maintaining & supporting the entire Establishment of the Province of Maryland distinguishing the different Funds & the different Services to which those Funds are appropriated also an Account of the Mode pursued here in granting Lands, of the Number of Acres which have from time to time been granted since the first Settlement of the Province the Amount of the Quit Rents reserved thereon & the Manner of Levying such Quit Rents, I cannot for the Reason given in the inclosed State transmit to Your Lordship at this time a particular Account of the several Tracts or Parcels of Land that have been from time to time granted the exact Number of Acres contained in each Tract the precise Time when & Name of the Person to whom each Tract was granted but as soon as it is in my power I will transmit such Account, in the mean time I entertain hopes that the Answer I have given to Your L^{ty} will prove satisfactory & I beg leave to assure Your L^{ty} that I have complied with His Majesty's Requisition as far & as speedily as was in my power. I am with the greatest Respect Y^{rs}

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My Lord

As I have in my Answer to Your L^{ty}'s Letter bearing Date the 11th Day of December last given as distinct & particular an Account as was in my power of the Annual Charge of supporting the entire Establishment of this Province the manner of granting Lands here the Fees & other Charges attending Grant of Land It only remains for me to transmit Your L^{ty} in Compliance with the Requisition You are pleased to make by Your Letter of the 13th of Juny last an Account of the established Fees of the different Offices in Maryland which I cannot apprehend do more distinctly than by inclosing a Copy of the Act by which are required all the Fees to be received by the several Offices except by the Collector of His Majesty's Customs & the Naval Officers whose Fees are settled by an Act of Assembly that was made in the Year 1717 of which likewise inclose a Copy. I am with the greatest Respect Y^{rs}