

that side the Bay he must first ride to the Agent on that Shore to  
pay his caution or purchase Money & obtain an Order on the Land Office  
for a Warrant, to procure which Warrant he must afterwards come to  
Annapolis, & should the Agent happen to be from home when such Person  
went to pay his caution Money what unnecessary Expence, & Trouble, would  
he be put to. But not to mention others would not many of the Inconveni-  
encies which now arise from the Agents Residing on the Eastern Shore, be then  
continued? would Your Ldp or Your Lieut Governor have the Benefit  
of his Advice, & Assistance in Council more than we have had from the Absen-  
dance of the present Receiver Gen<sup>l</sup>. in short My Ld not to trouble Your  
Ldp with an Enumeration of any more Difficulties, the Impropriety of an  
Agents Residing on the Eastern Shore is not less in my Opinion than if a  
Clerk of His Majestys Exchequer was to reside constantly at Bath or  
Canterbury. The only Convenience that can be suggested in favour of an  
Agents Living on the Eastern Shore is that the Sheriffs or Farmers of those  
seven Counties may pay him the Quit Rents &c. without being under a Necessi-  
ty of Crossing the Bay to come to Annapolis; but in Answer to this it  
might be said that unless such Agents Dwelling is just in the Middle  
on the high Road between Worcester & Cecil Counties & in some Town it  
must be more convenient for most of those Sheriffs to come at once  
hither where there being many good Houses of Entertainment they  
can be always well accommodated, & besides they are all obliged to  
attend here twice every Year on the Provincial Court which detains  
them in Town at least for a Week at a time each Court, & was the  
Agent to reside in this City with what Ease could they at those Sea-  
sons settle with him when the Rent Roll Treasurers would be also present.