

If necessary I will speak to Mr Dulany himself when he returns home.

In your Letter dated the 19th of Jan. y^e You desire me to consider of a Plan for raising a Sum of Money in Maryland to be appropriated towards supporting such Troops as it may be thought expedient to keep up in America after the Conclusion of this War. In my Opinion the most simple & least burthensome would be that which I communicated to you the 10th of July 1758, but since that was disapproved of (for what Reasons you never told me) I submit to your Consideration the following one by which I think the Sum of £10,000 p^a Ann might be raised & it is not very unlike the Scheme or Mode of Taxation that hath been pursued this War in Virginia.

Let there be a Duty imposed of One Shilling & Sixpence p ^a Gallon	}	2100
p ^a Gallon on all Tob ^o : exported which I suppose would produce		
exclusive of Comm ^o : for Collecting		
A Poll Tax of 1/6 on each white Taxable (all Males above 16 Years old & under 60) suppose	}	2250
A Poll Tax of 2/ on each Negro Taxable (all Males & Females between 16 & 60) suppose		
Tax on Land 1/ p ^a 100 Acres		1700
Excise Three pence p ^a Gallon on spirituous Liquor		1950
		<u>10,000</u>

The Duty on Tob^o: exported to be collected as such Duties have usually been by the Naval Officers, & to be by them accounted for & paid to the Treasurers of the Province. The Poll Tax, Land Tax & Excise to be Col^d.

(signed)