

manner that all Persons concerned may conform themselves thereto as they will
answer the contrary at their Peril, Given at the City of Annapolis this 20th Day
of Oct. in the 28th Year of His Ldps Dominion Annoq. Domini 1742. Since that
time No Alienation Fines have been demanded from Heirs or Devises & it has
been supposed by the People that the late Lord drop'd the Demand upon advising
with Council in England, & being informed that he could not support his Claim;
As therefore it cannot be doubted but there will be a general Clamour against His
Ldp in case the abovementioned Instructions be now renewed & enforced & it is as cer-
tain that if by any means they can the People will exempt themselves from Payment
I entertain hopes that His Ldp will before he sends his Agent peremptory Orders
to Levy such Fines take the Advice of able Lawyers in England thereon &
together with his Instructions transmit a copy of such Lawyers Opinion, where-
fore that You may be able to state the Affair properly I shall by this Opportu-
nity send You Copies of an Olo & of a New Patent as they were granted by
His Ldp's Ancestor & himself; & also a Copy or Form of the Patents that are issued
in Pennsylvania; by which You will see that it is not the custom there to reserve
any Alienation Fines; & as I imagined it might give His Ldp or You some
Satisfaction to see the Form of the Patents that are issued in the Colonies which
are immediately under the Govern^t of the Crown, I have wrote to Gov^r Fauquier
for a Copy of a Virg^a Patent & desired Mr. Bidout to apply to a Friend of his
at York for a Copy or Form of the Patents that are issued in that Govern^t
which I will transmit to You, as soon as they come to hand. As You lay me
under an Injunction to speak to No Body except Mr. Dulany about the Alienation
Fines or Devises & I have reason to think that was I to mention the Affair
to him it would not be long a Secret. I have declined doing it being of Opi-
nion that if he advises the Levying them he ought to be on the Spot ready &
willing to assist the Attorney Gen^l in Supporting His Ldp's Claim, but if
he is sincerely of that Opinion & is confident His Ldp can recover I think
it should not have been made a Secret, but he might have freely commu-
nicated