

ftg besides perhaps three or four hundred pounds Currency which it is supposed he hath collected since Sept: last for the Duty payable on Negroes imported into this Province & other small Duties: And altho he hath since he ballanced his last Years Account with Your Ldps Agent paid him Bills of Exchange for more than £300 there is still due from him on account of the 1/8th Ton & 1/10th Tld near £200 besides forty odd pounds due to me on account of the Duty of 3^d Ton (an uncommon Number of Vessels many of them loaded with Tob: having cleared out from Potucent since the 29th of Sept: when he closed his last Year Acc^t)

That Your Ldp may see how this Discovery was made, what has passed between me & both Houses of Assembly thereupon I have transmitted to Mr Calvert Copies of every thing to be laid before Your Ldp hoping that the Measures I have pursued will meet with Your Ldps Approbation. As to Mr Darnall I understand that having received very early Advice of such a Discovery's being made he quitted his House & plantation which it seems had been mortgaged some Years ago together with all his Negroes, & retired to the House of a Son in Law of his in St. Marys County whence I suppose he will not stir unless he leaves the Country as he may be assured that if he should be taken by the Sheriff No Person whatever will become his Surety & that if he should be carried to Prison he must expect to remain there as long as he lives. Your Ldp will perceive by the Papers which I transmit to Mr Calvert that immediately after the Gent^{rs} of the Upper House had by an Address desired me to take proper Steps that if possible the Money due to the Country might be recovered Mr Darnall's Brother John Blesh of Frederick County & Mr Carroll a Gent^{rn} of considerable Fortune in this City who had become joint Sureties in his Office Bond applied to me by Petition offering to pay the penalty of it upon its being