

Copy of ^{the} 105th Letter to M^r Calvert. Dated Annapolis the 14th Sept. 1761

Transmitted by

Sir
Some of our Ships being about to fall down to Virginia, whence it seems
Capt. Norton, Commander of His Majesty's Ship Assistance, appointed to
convey them to England, is determined to sail the 20th Inst notwithstanding
the Merchants here & many Masters of Vessels in the Trade, have intreated
him to stay about three weeks longer for the Opportunity to
transmit You a Duplicate of the Letter I addressed to You the 17th of last
Month & to inform You that having a few Days ago laid before the Gen.
Assembly of the Council who were in Town viz^t M^r Tasher Col^o Lloyd
M^r Bordley & M^r Ridout, that Extract of Col^o Tayloe's Letter to M^r
Hanbury which You were pleased to send me, I found them unanimous
of Opinion that if Col^o Tayloe will send his own Vessel for the Ore
he ought to pay the Duties which other Non Residents pay, & that if he
was to be exempted on Account of his having a Plantation & some Negroes
in this Province, many of the Tobacco Merchants in England as well as
Persons who live in the Neighbouring Colonies & have Lands & Negroes here
may plead the same Reasons for their being exempted also from the
Payment of Duties which they have always thought themselves obliged
to pay by reason of their residing out of the Province; for the Virginia
& Maryland are only divided by a River as Col^o Tayloe alleges yet
they are no less distinct & different Governments than Maryland & Jamaica
As I wrote to You very fully on this Subject the 2^d of June 1761 I will
take the Liberty to refer You to that Letter for several Reasons why
Col^o Tayloe's Request should not be granted. Capt. Norton having
gone out on a Cruise immediately after he arrived this Summer with
the Trade I understand that Col^o Lloyd could not learn from him till