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Annapolis Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> 1775

At a meeting of the Board of Revenue. Present

His Excellency Robert Eden, Esq<sup>r</sup>

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> } Benedict Calvert, Esq<sup>r</sup>

George Stewart, Esq<sup>r</sup>

William Fitzhugh, Esq<sup>r</sup>

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Esq<sup>r</sup> having signified to the Clerk of this Board that his Accounts as Agent and Receiver General for the Lord Proprietary were stated from the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 1771. to the 29<sup>th</sup> September 1773. and that he was ready to lay the same, with the proper Vouchers, before the Board, the Clerk gave intimation thereof to the several Members who were pleased to appoint this Day for an examination thereof.

The Agent represents to the Board, that the reduction of the Commission to the Farmers of several of the Counties to 10 p Cent, has laid him under the necessity of putting many of the Rents into the hands of the Sheriffs for Collection, as other Persons capable will not undertake to Farm them on the present Terms, by which the Proprietors Rents are very badly collected, he therefore moves the Board to take the same under Consideration & mentions, as his Opinion, that if the Commissions on Anne Arundel County Rents should be made 15 p Cent, as Frederick and Baltimore Counties are, and the others now at 10 raised to 12 1/2 the same might be collected to the Proprietors Advantage and Satisfaction.

The Board are unanimously of Opinion, that as often as the Agent is under Difficulties to get good Men to accept the Trust, & such Office being forced & a Burden on the Sheriffs, the Measure ought to be