

Baltimore  
Guilford —  
Gentlemen of the upper and lower houses of Assembly —

On Due Consideration of the Act of Assembly Entituled an Act for Alter-  
laming the Bounds of Land when this Province we find it absolutely necessary  
to Recommend to you to Explain or revoke the Said Law that whilst you are  
Endeavouring to secure and quiet men in their Possessions you Do not so  
bind them Down to the Determination of Commissioners to be appointed by  
Vertue of the Act as to make their Sentences final without Appeal (Except  
Conditionally to his Majesty in Council) as by the Said Act is provided to  
whose Secret if on Every man ought to be at liberty to address themselves  
without our Intermeddling therewith. By Act of Assembly where by in a  
Manner you wou'd shut up the Courts of Justice if I am never correspond-  
with the Liberty of a free people as be Deem'd consonant with the Laws  
of great Britain the Standard by which we are all Obliged to Govern our  
Councils —

Among the severall Laws made at a session of  
Assembly in may Last we have thought fit to Dissent to the Act Enti-  
tuled an Act for relief of John Beale of Charles County Gent and Rich<sup>d</sup> Beale  
a minor and doe hereby Declare the Same null void and of no Effect for as  
much as the Legislature of Great Britain never Interferes to Dispose of  
property without Consent of all parties leaving Every mans right to be  
rule'd by the known Laws of the Land —

And as we can never more certainly Demonstrate the real  
Confidence we have in the good people of Maryland than by freely  
Communicating our Sentiments on the proceeding of you their representatives  
we now signify that altho we have not yet Dissented to the Late Act made  
for Limitation of Officers fees yet we cannot in our Judgments approve  
thereof well knowing that tis neither for our hon<sup>r</sup> or the peoples Interest in the  
Dispatch of their business that publick Ministers should be Deprived of their  
Allowances w<sup>ch</sup> by the Law they have Enjoyed and which ought not only to be  
Sufficient to pay them for their Labour but large enough to encourage Industry  
and Integrity in men of ability to administer the Affairs of the Government  
whether actually residing within the Province or attending the person  
of your Lord and Prop<sup>r</sup>ty who soever he is —  
Gentlemen —

The Ease we find in the Receipt of the Said  
Duties on Tobacco Settled in Lieu of your quit rents and alienation fines  
and the better Enable tis to Support our Government whereby you are  
protected together with the great benefit and advantage the poorer and  
more numerous part of the Inhabitants of our Province reap from them  
in the Nonpayment of their rents as averted has Induced us for the common  
(good)