

To bind them down to the determination of Commissioners to be appointed by Value of the said Act as to make their Sentence final, without Appeal (except Conditionally to his Majesty in Council) as by the said Act is provided to whose sacred Person every man ought to be at Liberty to address himself without our Intermeddling therewith by Acts of Assembly whereby in a manner you over shew the Oaths of Justice which can never correspond with Liberty of a free people or to doom Parliament to the Law of Great Britain the Standard by which we are Obliged to govern our Councils.

Amongst the severall Laws made at a Session of Assembly in May last We have thought fit to dissent to the Act Entitled an Act for Release of John Beale of Charlestowne and Richard Beale a Minor and do hereby Declare the same Null and void of no Effect for as much as the Legislature of Great Britain never interfers to dispose of property without the consent of all Parties leaving every Mans Right to be Ruled by the known Law of the Land.

And as we can never more certainly demonstrate the Royal Confidence we have in the good People of Maryland than by truly communicating our Sentiments on the proceedings of your their Representatives, Whom Signify that altho we have not yet dissented to the late Act made for Limitation of Officers Fees yet we cannot in our Judgment approve thereof, well knowing that tis neither for our Honour or the Peoples Interest, in the Discharge of their Business that publick Ministers should be deprived of those allowances which by Law they have enjoyed; and which ought not 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 in the Province, or attending the person of your Lord and Proprietary whosoever he is.

Gentlemen the ease we find in the Receipt of the severall Duties on Tobacco Settled in Fee of our Quit Rents & Alienation Taxes &c the better we Support our Gov^{rs} whorsby you are protected together with the great Benefit & Advantage which the poorer and more numerous part of the inhabitants of our Province reap from them in the Non payment of these Rents as a reward, has induced us for the common good to conserve & Recommend to you to pass a Law for continuance of the Act Entitled an Act extending the gauge and Tare of Tobacco to be used & remain in force for three years to come from the Expiration of the said Act, whorsby the said Duties arise: And we cannot think you will need to be put in mind to continue the Act for regulation of Ordinaries for the reasons (amongst others) recited in the preamble therof.

We are much Concerned Gentlemen that you our Friends & Tenants, his Majesties good Subjects can have no Expectation of Benefit from the Duty of an Opponye imposed layd on Tobacco Transported from Plantation to Plantation His late Majesty King William of Glorious Memory having by Letters Patents under the Great Seal of England willed the same forever on the College of Virginia - But do not doubt by your assistance by our own power to Establish such a fund for Encouragement of Learning in Maryland as to answer the very pious & worthy Design of Supporting the Free school already built at Annapolis; but to make it so Effectually usefull, that your own Children there made capable, may reap the Advantage of Discharging the severall Offices of Governour both in Church & State to the Conversion of your Neighboures & Fellow Citizens from the Superstition of the Church of Rome, and to the manifest Good of us all in the Equall Distribution of Justice.

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And you are Immediately to put in Execution (as much as in you lies) our late Instructions of the 30th December 1719 directed to be Observed by the said John Hart as Effectually as if they were directed to your self and you shall use your utmost Endeavour with the Gov^{rs} Assembly (whom you are here directed to call together with the advice of our Council as soon as convenient may be) that the severall Matters & things