

Certain Defects in the Conveying Lands from Henry Gibbs Son and heir of Edward Gibbs some
times of Somerset County in the Province of Maryland Deed to Bay: Lawrence John Doe
and they his wife heirs of Bay: Lawrence some time of Helbert County in the same Pro-
vince Deed, and doe hereby Declare the said Acts null void and of no effect trusting
that under my Governm^t the Province will continue (as it has from its Infancy) to flourish
by an unbiassed Adminⁿ of the Law in the Established Courts of Justice -

It would have been much more acceptable if the regard you acknowledge
yourselves willing to have to our sentiments relating to the Act for Officers fees had
produced something more adequate to our Judgments thereof rather than a desire in
you Gentlemen of the Lower house that as people and plenty increase in a Country
so ought the rewards of those who for their care knowledge and Integrity are employed
in the severall offices of Government in due Execution wherof so much the Happiness
of the people depends and therefore that you your selves may once more have an
Opportunity to make the proper Additions rather than continue such Dominants
at your request I have not yet Disposed there to -

Gent: of the Upper and Lower Houses - The Satisfaction you
Express with our Appointment of a Gentleman to be your Governour, who with I am
Confident we his utmost Endeavours in conjunction with me to make you a most
happy people my self a happy Proprietary and both acceptable to his most Gracious
Majesty, (the great End for which I send him) adds to the Esteem I had before of him
having already learnt that all Governm^t is Intended for the publick Good which I
Resolved to make the rule of mine, - and afterwards Delivered him self in these words
following &c^{ts} -

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly -
Having thus Delivered you what his Lordship has Instructed me from now to assure you
that it is with the greatest Satisfaction I meet this Generall Assembly that last Session
so kindly gave me a supplye for the support of Governm^t, I shall always have due
regard for your favours and think I can't better acknowledge them than by supporting
those who wish well to our most Gracious sover Lord King George the Protestant Religion
and the prosperity of Maryland in which I shall not only pursue my own Inclination
but Obey the Positive Commands of our Lord Brogr^{ss} whose Majesty I serve
person Among us - What I have now to recommend to you are the severall
that are near Expiring among which is that of the Province the generall Advantage
by that Law is so very Obvious that I need but barely mention it -

I have severall papers from the Governours of New York and Virginia and
our Agent Mr Blackiston which I shall Order to be Layd before you -

The sinking Land: of the Tobacco trade wherein you are so much concerned require
your utmost Endeavour to support it and I cannot omit with Carefulness to recommend
to you on this Occasion the great Example of the British Parliament w^{ch} leaving
things of less Moment never fails to apply it self with utmost Attention to the
relief of its most pressing Grievances -

Gentlemen I can't conclude without observing
to you with great pleasure that those restless heats, which lately distracted you
are now happily at an End which gives me hopes of your being united for the Common
wellfair and as I purpose the greatest Happiness to my self during my Administration