

consideration before he was graciously pleased to reinstate his Lordship in his Right of Governmt. nor ever a pointed to by his Lordship he does not think it a Barr to him from executing his Lordships Commission which when he received it did not enter into his thoughts, that his Lordships Governour would require more of him than the Governour under the Crown ever did for these 25th years past during which time he has had the honour to serve his Lordship and the people of this Province without reproach and he believes that his faithful services and the Justness of his accounts with his Lordships acceptance was the only inducement his Lordship had to commit the receipt of the revenue of this Province rather to his care than to others who perhaps were not so well known in the family.

To what is desired he answered that his Lordship has not yet appointed any Surveyors Generals consequently there can be no deputy Surveyors, but his Lordship and the Lord Guilford his Guardian have sent in 12 Com^{rs} for Surveyors with directions to grant them to protestants in such County where his Lordships Surveyor places were usually executed by Protestants while the Governmt. was in the Crown and that upon the death or just cause of removal of any such Surveyor or any other officers or officers in office usually held by Protestants none should be put in their Rooms but Protestants, but none of the said Com^{rs} are as yet issued because - Mr. Walter Pyle and Mr. Henry Sewall who have the distribution of the said Com^{rs} having met with some disappointment therefrom the Governmt. (as they say) for which reason his Lordship and the people of this Province suffer much Detriment and the Lands office is in Effect thereby shut up for the issuing Warrants for taking up lands without Surveyors to execute them would be but a charge to no purpose.

Charles Carroll.

Observations on Mr. Carrolls answer to four Queries put to him on the 19th July 1716.

To the first Query Mr. Carroll after answering that he said nothing to their Lordships about the acts of the 12th and 15th of King Charles the second in the Queries specified adds he was very well satisfied that there was nothing in them acts that would hinder the Lord Prop^{ty} as hereditary Governour of Maryland from Granting the Commission. An objection thereto. It is plain by his Majestys Royal instructions under his hand and Privy Signet the Governour John Hart by name is assigned to take care of and appoint the Naval officers in this Province and it cannot be understood by the act of the 15th of King Charles that the Hereditary Governour who has never been in the Province being wholly resident in Great Britain should appoint such officers or take the Oath in the act mentioned but the Governours or Coman^{ds}