By the Comittee of Accounts, May ye 31st 1717.

Pursuant to the Ord[e]r of the Lower House of Assembly we have Inspected into the Laws of this Province, and amongst them we find an Act of Assembly made March 16[7]4 that Raises two Shillings p[e]r Hhd. to the Right Honble Cecilius then Lord and Propry of the said Province during his life time to enable him in some measure to defray the Necessary Great and Necessary Expences of Govern[me]nt and in particular to allow Convenient Sallarys and encouragement to the Gov[e]r and Chief Governour and to the Privy Council of the Lord Propry of this Province for the time being so as without Prejudice to their Private affairs they might be Incouraged and Reasonably required to attend unto the Administration of Justice and other Publick Concernments as also towards the Maintaining a Constant Magazine with Arms and Ammunition for the defence of the Province, and the other twelve pence p[e]r Hhd. was Raised in Consideration of the Said Lord Propr[y]s Casting his Quit Rents and Fines for Alienation in Fee at two pence p[e]r pound, we also find one other act of Assembly made May 1674 that gives the Said two Shillings p[e]r Hhd. in the Same Manner as above by the First Law to the aforesd Lord Propry during his life time and after his Decease to his Son Charles Calvert Esq[r] then Capt[n] Gen[e]ll and Governour of Mayland during life.

We also further find an Act of Assembly made May 1676 that gives the Said two Shillings p[e]r Hhd. in the Same Manner as aforesd to the Right Honble Charles then Lord and Propry during his Life and after his decease to his Eldest Son Cecilius during his life as p[e]r the Several Laws reference being thereto had more at Large appear.

Signed p Orderd, Jn[o] Beale Cl[k] Com[te]

Brought down from the Comittee of Laws an answer to his Excellency's Speech which being Read in the House and Ordered to be entered as follows (Viz[t].)

To His Esecellency the Governour,

We the Delegates now met to Represent the People of this Province, this present General Assembly under the Government of a Lord Propry beg leave on this Occasion to declare to your Excy the great Satisfaction we have rec[d] by the Answer of the Right Honble Francis Lord Guilford to our late address and by the Speech of the Right Honble the Lord Propr[y] and Guilford delivered us by your Excy at the opening this Sessions and do with all grateful gratitude acknowledge their Lordships goodness and shall make our humble application to their Lordships by way of address in relation to the Subject Matter of both.

And now proceed to assure your Excy that our Indeavours shall not be wanting to make known to those we Represent how farr