

as follows viz^t In the House of Delegates now sitting.
 In obedience to your Hon^{rs} Directions Requiring me to
 give your Honours what Information I was Capable of in relation to the
 late Lord Benedicts or his Ex^{ty} Acceptance of the 12th pth which was
 Continued by an act made in June 1715 until the 29th day of Septemb^r
 following and was to be paid to the said Lord Benedicts on the same
 Consideration his Father had before Accepted it.

I do Certifie hereby to your Honours all that occurs to me upon
 that Subject - viz^t -

That the Lord Benedict dying so soon after his Father
 could have no knowledge of that Law, and therefore could neither
 have declared his refusal or Acceptance thereof, that the 12th raised
 by virtue of y^e Law has been by me remitted for England and such a
 proportion thereof as became due since the death of the Lord Charles
 and until the death of the Lord Benedicts has as I verily believe been
 accounted for to the Ex^{ty} of the said Lord Benedicts - an exact Computaⁿ
 thereof being by me laid before the Representatives of the said Lord Charles and
 the present Lord Baltimore.

That the Ex^{ty} of the said Lord Benedicts has fully empowered
 me to receive and take into my hands all the personall Estate whatsoever
 that was of the said Lord Benedicts in this Province at the time of his
 death - and pursuant therunto I thought it just and reasonable
 to accept of the half years rent due to the Lord Benedict in Tobacco at
 two pence p^r pound and have received some small part thereof, at the
 same rate and shall continue to receive the remainder in the like
 manner because the Consideration for so taking it - viz^t - the 12th pth
 was for me received, remitted and accounted for - for I should think
 it a great hardship that the Consideration (Money) should be paid by the
 County and Trade and the Condition of the said Consideration not
 performed.

I believe the Honble House is sensible that a great many of the
 Inhabitants of this Province by Attachments, Condemnations and Executions
 have been Compelled or are like to be to pay the Aents in (Money) according
 to their patents whereby they have no benefit of the 12th so as aforesaid said.
 How agreeable to Equity and Justice is Submitted to your Honours
 prudent Consideration by your Honours Most Humble and Most
 Obedient Serv^t

May 7th 1718 - Charles Carroll

Col: Addison from the Upper House delivered Mr. Speaker the Bill
 for the relief of sundry poor Prisoners therein mentioned - thus Endeth
 viz^t - By the Upper House of Assembly May 7th 1718.

Read the first time and this House think it unreasonable Dominick