

gave up my Interest that I might preserve my Integrity which no
power on Earth can remove from me

To Start

My Lords. We had the Honour of your Lordships Letter of the 9th
of September last transmitting to us the address that had been presented
to the Lord Baltimore and to your Lordship by the Upper and Lower House
of the General Assembly of Maryland, wherein Maurice Bichfield
Esq. Surveyor General of the Southern Continent of America is represented
to have put severall hardships on the Inhabitants of Maryland by y^e
manner of his proceedings against severall persons who were
debtors to Merchants that had failed considerably in debts to his Majesty
for the duty on Tob^o in this port.

We having examined into his Conduct in those matters do not
find the said Bichfield has done any more than his duty, and we
take that opportunity to acquaint your Lordships that it appears to
us by severall Instances that his Majesties Service has suffered by the
obstruction the said Bichfield has met with from Col^o Hart Lieut^o
Governour of Maryland.

We therefore Desire that your Lordship will be pleased to direct the
said Lieut^o Gov^o not to obstruct his Majesties Service under our
Management, but that he will be assisting to the officers of the Customs
in this Government as by law he is required to do, in the due perform-
ance of their duties as well in putting the Laws in Execution against
Illegal trade, as for recovering the Money and Effects due to his Majesty
in that province.

We are My Lord

Your Lordships

Most Humble Servants,

Walter Young

J. Pulteney

T. Walker

Customs House

13th December 1718.

(Directed)

To the Right Honble the Lord Guilford.

Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietor of the Provinces of Maryland
and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore and the Right Honble
Francis Lord Guilford his Guardian, To John Hart Esq.
our Lieutenant Governour and Keeper of the Great Seal of the said
Province of Maryland and in his absence to our Keeper of the
Great Seal of the Province for the time being.

Whereas, Thomas Maeremaria Esq. by an order made in the
Court of Chancery the 10th day of October one thousand seven hundred
and seven stands suspended from his practice in the said
Court until he should make his due submission. And Whereas