

(whether actually residing in the Province, or attending the person of your Lord and Proprietary where ever he is,

Gentlemen the ease, we find in the receipt of the several duties on Tobaccos settled in lieu of our quit rents and alienation fines and the better us to support our Government whereby you are protected together with the great benefits and advantages which the poorer and most numerous part of the inhabitants of our Province reap from thence in the non payment of their rents as reversed, has induced us for the common good to consent and recommend to you to pass a law for continuance of the act intitled an act ascertaining the gauge and tax of Tobaccos &c. to commence and remain in force for three years to come from the expiration of the said act, whereby the afo<sup>d</sup> duties arise: and we cannot think you will need to be put in mind to continue the act for regulating of Ordinaries for the reasons (among others) recited in the preamble thereof,

We are much concerned Gentlemen that you our friends and tenants, His Majesty's good Subjects can have no Expectation of benefits from the duty of one penny p<sup>r</sup> pound layd on tobacco transported from plantation to plantation, His late Majesty King William of Glorious memory having by Letters patents under the Great Seal of England settled the same forever on the College of Virginia - But do not doubt with your assistance by your own power to establish such a fund for Encouragement of learning in Maryland as to answer the very pious and worthy design of supporting the free school already built at Annapolis, but to make it so Effectually usefull, that your own Children, then made Capable, may reap the advantage of discharging the severall Offices of Government both in Church and State to the Conversion of your Neighbours and fellow Citizens from the Superstition of the Church of Rome, and to the manifest good of us all in the equal distribution of Justice

Baltimore

Guilford.

And you are immediately to put in Execution (as much as in you lies) our late instructions of the 30<sup>th</sup> December 1719 directed to be observed by the said John Hart as Effectually as if they were directed to your self and you shall use your utmost endeavours with the General Assembly (which you are here directed to call together with the advice of our Council as soon as conveniently may be) that the severall matters and things by us in our late Speech recommended to them may be completed with if any of them shall remain unfinished upon your arrival, duplicates of which instructions and Speech we have herewith delivered to you

Whereas by act of Assembly, 3<sup>rd</sup> of Nov.