

‘ joined with a consideration for his Quit Rents and Alienation Fines, and
 ‘ which makes it appear to your Committee, that the Legislators always
 ‘ deemed their Granting towards the Support of his Lordship’s Govern-
 ‘ ment as a mixed consideration, not only for that particular use, but
 ‘ towards a Compensation for the other likewise.

‘ Your Committee beg leave with great Submission most humbly to
 ‘ observe, that as the Royal Head is restrained by many Laws, one of
 ‘ which may suffice for the present, that of Consequence the Subject must
 ‘ likewise, and that his Lordship can assume no greater Power or Prero-
 ‘ gative than his most Sacred and Royal Majesty.

‘ 1st of *William & Mary*, Section the 2^d. Chap. 2^d. Of *Rights and Liberties*.
 ‘ That Levying Money for or to the Use of the Crown, by Pretence
 ‘ of Prerogative, without Grant of Parliament, or for longer Time, or in
 ‘ other Manner than the same is or shall be Granted, is Illegal.

‘ Your Committee pray leave to make one Observation on the foregoing
 ‘ Letter or Message herewith returned, that the Honourable the Members
 ‘ which Composed the Upper House at that Time, were Three more
 ‘ Exclusive of the Five Honourable Members Signing. And that we
 ‘ humbly Hope it will be always understood, that your Committee did
 ‘ not Require their Attendance as Councillors of State, but as Naval
 ‘ Officers.

‘ The Length of this Report we humbly Hope will be excused, when
 ‘ the Necessity is consider’d, of putting the Matter in as clear a Light,
 ‘ as your Committee were able to do, that from the different Acts there-
 ‘ in recited, you may be able to Judge the Intention of the Legislators,
 ‘ as well as their express Words, and which clearly appears to your Com-
 ‘ mittee, that the Act of 1704 Granting to her Majesty, her Heirs and
 ‘ Successors, doth not Intentionally or Expressly, Extend to his Lordship
 ‘ the Lord *Baltimore*, his Heirs or Assigns : But is most humbly Sub-
 ‘ mitted to the Consideration of your Honourable House.

‘ Signed *per* Order of the Committee, *S. Bordley*, Clerk.

To which his Excellency was pleased to make the following
 A N S W E R :

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

I Have considered your Address delivered to me on Thursday last, and
 I can very truly assure you, that it has been my constant and uninter-
 rupted View and Aim, ever since I had the Honour of being appointed
 Governor of this Province, to Promote the general Happiness and Prospe-
 rity of it, by all the Ways and Means that have lain in my Power, and
 I have the pleasure of flattering myself, that my Endeavours have not
 been without some Success, but that both the Trade and Riches of the
 Province