

And as we can Never more Certainly demonstrate the real Confidence we have in the good People of Maryland than by freely Communicating our Sentiments on the Proceedings of you their representatives, We now Signify that Altho we have not yet Dissented to the late Act made for Limitation of Officers fees, Yet we Cannot in our Judgments approve thereof well Knowing that It is neither for our Hon^r or the peoples Interest in the Dispatch of their Business that Publick Ministers should be Deprived of those Allowances which by the Law they have Enjoyed, and which ought not only to be Suff^t to pay them for their Labour, But Large enough to Encourage Industry and Integrity in men of Ability to Administer the Affairs of the Government whether Actually residing within the Province or Attending the person of your Lord and Proprietarie wherever he is. U. H. J.

Gentl. The Ease we find in the receipt of the sev^{ll} Dutys on Tob^o Setled in Lieu of our Quitt Rents and Alienation ffines & the Better to Enable us to Support our Government whereby you are protected together with the great Bennefitt & Advantage the Poorer & more numerous part of the Inhabitants of our pvince reaps from thence in the non payment of their Rents as Reserved has Induced us for the Comon Good to Consent & Recommend to you to pass a Law for the Continuance of the Act Entituled An Act Ascertainig the Gauge & Tare of Tob^o hh^{ds} &c. to Continue & remain in force for three years to Comence from the Expiration of the said Act whereby the af^d Duties arise & we cannot think you need to be put in mind to Continue the Act for regulating of Ordinaries for the reasons among many others recited in the preamble thereof. P. 95

We are much Concerned Gentl that you our Friends and Tenants his Majestys good Subjects can have no Expectation of Benefitt from the Duty of one penny p pound laid on Tob^o transported from Plantation to Plantation, His late Majesty King William (of Glorious Memory) having by Letters Patents under the greate Seal of England Setled the same forever on the College of Virginia, but do not Doubt with your Assistance by our Own Power to Establish Such a fund for Encouragement of Learning in Maryland as not only 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 there made Capable may reap the Advantage of Discharging the sev^{ll} Offices of Government both in Church & Estate to the Conversion of your Neighbours & Fellow Citizens from the Superstition of the Church of Rome & to the Manifest good of us all in the Equall Distribution of Justice.