

Gentlemen, I have formerly made known to you that the L. H. J.  
 Legislature of Great Brittain does not take upon them, among  
 their Parliamentary Proceedings to decide Matters of Meum  
 and Tuum., The peoples properties are ruled by the known  
 Laws of the Land; however Extraordinary their Cases may  
 be; Unless for the Joint Relief and upon the United Applica-  
 tion of all parties Concerned And I am Advised and think it  
 Absolutely necessary that Yours should be Preserved to you  
 Agreeable thereto I have therefore Dissented to the Act  
 Intituled An Act to Invest an Estate in fee to John Clements p. 4  
 in Queen Ann's County in a Certain Lott in the Town of  
 Cambridge in Dorchester County and to the Act Intituled An  
 Act for the Relief of Benjamin Howard in Making Good the  
 Survey of Howard's Purchase. And also to the Act Intituled  
 an Act Empowering certain Commissioners to Dispose of the  
 Remaining Part of the Personal Estates which were of  
 Thomas Smithson late of Dorchester County Gent: and  
 Thomas Smithson late of Talbot County Esq<sup>f</sup> Decēd to Settle  
 & assess the Losses Damages and Costs by Thomas Hicks  
 Gent and John Davis son and Heir at Law of Jeremiah Davis  
 Sustained, as also to Value the Lands whereof the said  
 Thomas Smithson of Talbot County died Seized, & to dispose  
 of so much of the said Personal Estates and the Lands as will  
 Satisfie the said Thomas Hicks and the said John Davis for  
 their Damages Losses and Costs Sustained by Means of a  
 Warranty of Lands from the said Thomas Smithson of  
 Dorchester County and the said Thomas Smithson of Talbot  
 County to the said Thomas Hicks and Jeremiah Davis. And  
 likewise to the Act Intituled an Act to Supply certain Defects  
 in the Conveying Lands from Henry Gibbs Son and Heir of  
 Edward Gibbs some time of Somerset County in the Prov-  
 ince of Maryland Decēd to Benjamin Lawrence John Belt  
 and Lucy his wife Heirs of Benjamin Lawrence some time of  
 Calvert County in the same Province Decēd. And, doe  
 hereby Declare the said Acts Null Void and of No Effect;  
 Trusting that Under my Government the Province will Con-  
 tinue (as it has from its Infancy) to flourish by An Unbiased  
 Administration of the Law in the Established Courts of  
 Justice.

It would have been much more Acceptable if the Regard  
 you Acknowledge your Selves willing to have to Our Senti-  
 ments relating to the Act for Officers Fees had produced  
 Some thing more Adequate to Our Judgments thereof, rather  
 then a Desire in you Gentlemen of the Lower House, that as p 5  
 People and Plenty Increase in a Country so ought the Rewards  
 of Those who for their Care Knowledge and Integrity are