

trary and indeed Shameful Exertions of Legislative Authority that I ever met with, nay the very Ground alledged, is, that the Fact of Robinson being indebted to Browne which was proved in 1720, did not appear in 1753. at that rate Every private Act may be Repealed in 40. or 50. years when the Witnesses are dead. Besides I think the Conveyance from the Devises of Robinson upon that Account is Sufficient Evidence at this distance of Time.

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3<sup>d</sup>. . . . What Answer may the Lord Proprietary most properly give to the Petit.<sup>n</sup> Exhibited to him for his Dissent to this Law and how wo.<sup>d</sup> you Advise him to Conduct himself therein and if the matter should Ultimately be bro't to a hearing before him whether to Assent or Dissent to the Repealing Law or how otherwise

I think the Act of Repeal so very bad and unjust upon the Face of it, and so Dangerous an Example, that if no Opposition had been given to it, nor Application made to the Lord Proprietary He ought in Wisdom and Justice, of his own accord, to have dissented thereto, and I apprehend that no more is necessary then to read the two Laws to be fully convinced that the last ought not to stand; nor such a Precedent be endured.

W: Murray

16. Nov.<sup>r</sup> 1754.

F. Baltimore.

Frederick Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. To our Right Trusty & Well Beloved Horatio Sharpe Esq<sup>r</sup> Our Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of Maryland And To our Right Trusty and well Beloved the Upper and Lower Houses of our Assembly there and to all others in our said Province of Maryland for the time being Greeting Whereas at a Sessions begun and held at Annapolis in our said Province of Maryland on the second day of October and ending the Seventeenth day of November in the third year of our Dominion over the said Province Annoq Domini 1753. "An Act Entituled an Act to Repeal an Act Entituled an Act for the Confirmation of the Lands thereinmentioned to Richard Bennett Esq<sup>r</sup> " Passed into a Law, On due Consideration whereof We have thought fit to Dissent to the said Act And do hereby Declare the said Act Entituled "An Act to Repeal another Act Entituled "An Act for the Confirmation of the Lands therein mentioned to Richard Bennett Esq<sup>r</sup> " Null Void and of no Effect Given under our hand & Seal at Arms at London this Tenth day of December in the Fourth year of Our Dominion over the said Province Annoq Domini 1754.

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By his Lordships Command  
Cecil<sup>s</sup> Calvert Sec<sup>ry</sup>