

## IV

THE PROPRIETARY'S DISSSENT TO AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE  
EXAMINATION OF WITNESSES RESIDING BEYOND THE SEAS  
AND FOR THE MORE EASY FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGES

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—Although no papers relating to the reasons which influenced the Proprietary to dissent to this law have been found in the state Archives or in the Calvert Papers, as such dissents or vetoes were unusual, the formal dissent is reproduced as it appears in the Proceedings of the Council.]

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Dissents [see also page 641]

F: Baltimore

Council Proc. Frederick Absolute Lord & Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. To our Right Trusty  
Lib. J. R. & land and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. To our Right Trusty  
U. S. & well Beloved Horatio Sharpe Esq<sup>r</sup> Our Lieutenant Governor of  
1754 our Province of Maryland and To our Right Trusty and well Be-  
pp. 45-46 loved the Upper & 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  
Lib. J. R. & the seventeenth day of November in the third year of Our Dominion  
U. S. over the said Province Annoq Domini 1753. "An Act Entituled an  
Act to Empower the Several Courts within this Province to order  
Commissions for the Examination of Witnesses residing beyond  
Sea and for the more Easy Foreclosure of Mortgages," 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 Null Void and  
of no Effect Given under Our hand & Seal at Arms at London this  
p. 46 Tenth day of December in the fourth year of Our Dominion over  
the said Province Annoq Domini 1754

[Seal]

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

## V

OBSERVATIONS UPON THE LAWS PASSED AT THE MAY, 1754,  
SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—The following brief observations upon the laws passed at the May, 1754, Session, of the General Assembly, throws rather more light upon the reasons which brought about their enactment than do the formal journals of the two houses.]