

the Several Heads of observations in the said Letter inclosed and upon such other Heads as may be proper to give a true Light in the State of the Plantations more especially in relation to this Province and thereupon you are directed in Compliance to the said Letter from their Lordships to represent what you know or have heard either in Respect of this Province whilst under the Proprietary Governm^t or otherwise of Pensilvania and the Jerseys according to their Ldships Desire

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And inasmuch as it has been offered at this Board that some Gentlemen of known Probity now in your House reported that they are sensible the 14^d p Tunn formerly and yet taken by and paid to the Lord Baltimore as Port Dutys was intended and given for the maintenance of Forts and Defence of this Province and was Originally Stiled and Called Fort Dutys & not Port Dutys but by some Sinister means contrary to the Intent of the Assembly that gave it was altered and changed into Port Dutys. Therefore we desire you will enquire into this matter and Endeavour to get the best Information and Satisfaction you can therein the said Revenue of 14^d p Ton being now of great Emolument and in case that it be made appear to be misapplyed (that is Contrary to the Intent it was raised) Proper means may be used to regain that advantage to the Province

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Signed p order W Bladen Cl Counl
Sent by Col Hammond & Col Lloyd.

Read the Petition of the Inhabitants of Patuxent and Colington Hundreds in Prince George's County praying that S^t Paul's Parish in that County may be divided into two Parishes; yet this Board (although the Taxables in the said Parish are daily increasing) not thinking it will be Sufficient to maintain two ministers do think it not convenient to make such Division at Present till by the further Increase of the Taxables in that Parish each moiety thereof may be able to support a minister which may be then Supplied to them

Came M^r Lloyd & M^r Muschamp from the House and bring the following answer to the last Message but as to that Part relating to the Proprietary Government the House desire further Time to give their answer thereto

By the House of Delegates
March the 18th 1701.

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This House having taken into Consideration the message this Day sent by Col John Hammond and Col Edw^d Lloyd together with the Lords Commissioners of Trade and Planta-