

your Lordships acceptance of an Equivalent for your Quit Rents and Alienation fines will greatly Contribute and as we propose to ease the People in Their payments on the one Side so we Humbly Hope your Lordship will be of Opinion that four Thousand pound Sterling p Annum Clear of all Charges and Expences to your Lordship is such an Offer as Shews we Have that Regard to your Interest which in Justice we ought to have this Sum of four Thousand pounds Sterling which we now offer Your Lordship we hope may be raised in Such a manner as will Burthen Trade very Little if at all and be a means to raise the Credit of our paper Currency now very much Depricated which we Humbly Conceive will appear to your Lordship upon perusal of the Scheme for raiseing the money and Collecting the rents which we begg leave to Lay before you as we have it in our View to give your Lordship this Equivalent as it may be most agreeable and Satisfactory to you to ease Your Tennants in the manner of Discharging their Quit Rents and Alienation fines and to raise the Credit and Value of Our Currency upon which the Wellfare and Prosperity of the People of Maryland in great measure depend so we humbly Hope for your Lordships Acceptance and Approbation of what we propose and that you will Please to give his Excellency the Governour Instructions to pass a Bill to Establish the Offer now made we are with the greatest Respect and Sincerity. May it Please your Lordship your Lordships most faithfull Tennants and most Obedient Humble Servants.

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And the following Scheme Proposals for paying the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary an Equivalent for his Quit Rents and Alienation fines without Burthening Trade and for easing the Inhabitants of Maryland in the manner of Paying the said Rents and fines.

That My Lord be paid Clear of all Charges p Annum the Sum of p. 678

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Which Sum is proposed to be raised without Burthening Trade in the following manner Viz.

That there be a Duty paid of $\frac{2}{6}$ Sterl p hh^d on all Tobacco to be Exported and that the one penney halfe penney Sterl now Applied to Support Schools be Added to the said $\frac{2}{6}$ which will make the whole Sum $\frac{2}{7}\frac{1}{2}$ Sterl p hh^d and will amount Supposeing the Exportation to be 28500 hh^d of Tobacco p annum which was the Number Exported Annually in an average for seven years to.

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That a Duty of 5 p Cent Sterl ad Valorem be paid by the purchasers of Negroes which Supposeing the Importation of Negroes to be no more than 300 Annually and that they sell in average at £15 Sterl Each will amount to

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