

That inasmuch as this Province is very Luxuriant in Bays Rivers L. H. J. Creeks and Inletts over which the High Roads aforesaid leads such Taxations will in time become most Oppressive and Burthensome as in reallity it now is, Your Committee have hereunto annexed A Copy of a License Granted by his Lordships Agent for keeping such Ferries for the Consideration of Your Honourable House

Your Committee humbly Observe that so early as the Year 1638 Ferries were settled and Regulated by Act of Assembly and at other times since which Acts left the Chief direction to the County Courts which they till of late practiced to settle and regulate

We likewise humbly Observe that in our Neighbouring Colony immediately under his Majesty's Government the several Ferries are by Act of Assembly regulated for the ease and Conveniency of the People

Your Committee are humbly of Opinion his Lordships Agents and Ministers Taxing and rating his Majestys Subjects of and by his and their sole Power and Free Will without Law to support the same, in a most arbitrary and illegal Proceeding is a very great Aggrievance and Innovation on the Rights of his Majestys Subjects the good People of Maryland and that such Practices of his Lordships Agents and Ministers tend to Alienate the Affections of the People from his Lordships Good Rule and Government

But is humbly submitted to the Consideration of your Honourable House
Signed p Order William Cumming Ct Com.

Maryland ss.

Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c^a To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting

Whereas it is of Publick Service and Utility not only to the Inhabitants of our said Province but others Travelling through the same to have Ferries kept in Proper and Convenient Places for the easy and convenient Passages of all Persons having occasion to Travel and for Cattle Carriages and Goods of any Sort and that We by our Commission under Our Great Seal of Our said Province have Authorized and Impowered Our Trusty and Well Beloved Benjamin Tasker Esq^r Our Agent and Receiver General to appoint and License Ferries to be kept in proper and Convenient Places for the easy and convenient Passages of all Persons having Occasion to Travel and for the Publick Good and Utility of our said Province And Whereas A Ferry over River from the Old Ferry Point at Annapolis Backwards and Forwards where a Ferry has been usually kept is very convenient for the Purposes aforesaid

Know Ye therefore that Our said Agent and Receiver General by Virtue of the Powers and Authorities to him by Our said Commission Given hath Nominated Licensed and Appointed and by these