

L. H. J. here that a Law may be Assented to for raising money on our-
 Lib. No. 45 selves whereby the House of Delegates for the time being may be
 enabled to employ fit Agents and Council to lay our case in a proper
 manner before your Sacred Majesty whose Paternal care extends
 to all your Subjects how far soever remote and from whom alone
 we can expect relief and protection or otherwise to give us such
 further relief in the premises as to your Majesty in your great Wis-
 dom shall seem meet

To the Right Honourable Charles Lord Baron of Baltimore Ab-
 solute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland.

The humble Address of the House of Delegates of the said
 province

May it please your Lordship

We his Majestys Liege Subjects the Delegates and Representa-
 tives of the Province of Maryland in General Assembly convened
 having in vain made our Earnest Application to his Excellency
 your Lordships Governor in and over this province for the Redress
 of many Aggrievances we and those We represent daily Suffer
 beg leave with all dutiful Regard and Submission to lay them before
 p. 906 your Lordship and crave your relief therein

We are taxed yearly for your Lordships use twelve Pence Ster-
 ling for every Hogshead of Tobacco Exported and fourteen Pence
 for every Tun of Burthen of all Vessels trading in or to this prov-
 ince and not properly belonging thereto, without any Law that we
 know of for so doing which we must take the Freedom to say is an
 Incroachment on our Liberties and priviledges, as British Subjects
 and what Our Sovereign Lord the King doth not do in any of his
 Realms

Our Courts of Justice are in a manner shut up to the People by a
 practice lately introduced of taking Judgment Bonds for fees and
 by the Cruel and Oppressive practices of Sheriffs and other Officers
 in the Prosecution of those Bonds

The settling the fees of Officers by your Lordships or your Gov-
 ernors Proclamation is as we conceive making An Ordinance of the
 same force with a Law contrary as well to an Express provisoe in
 the Royal Charter as against the Right of the Subject, and the more
 so as it is done by Advice of your Council many of the Members
 whereof have the greatest Share in those fees and to whom it is
 chiefly owing that we cannot have a law for settling them.

We are not for abridging your Lordship of any Prerogatives
 granted by the Kings Charter but are well Satisfied that to Exer-
 cise a power of Vacating your Tennants Grants as is now attempted
 is Extending that prerogative further than it ever was Intended nor
 can we less Complain of a thing very lately introduced of Exacting