

Dispute. However true it may be, that it is expedient to *maintain the necessary Powers and just Prerogatives of the Crown*, and that it is in vain to negotiate away His Majesty's Prerogatives, yet as the Lower House have made no Attempt of this Kind, a Stanza from the Ballad of *Chevy Chase* would have served the Purpose of the Upper House just as well, if their View in inserting it had been fair and honest. Upon the most curious View of the Constitution of this Province, any Man of the least Understanding must be convinced how ridiculous, how absurd, and how impolitic it is, to make such a violent Outcry as their Honours do about the Danger of Prerogative from the Invasions of the Peoples Representatives. The Delegates of the Freemen of the Province compose the Lower House; the Upper House (as has been proved beyond Doubt) are the Creatures of the Proprietor; the Governor is his Delegate, with a Commission during Pleasure; and the Proprietor claims, and actually exercises, the Power of dissenting to Bills, after they have passed the several Branches here; which fully justifies that Sarcasm of Doctor *Douglass* on our Constitution, that the Legislature of *Maryland* consists of *four* Negatives, and the Proprietor has **THREE** of them. To these Considerations permit me to add the Weight and Influence of our Proprietor, arising from the Appointments in his Gift, which amount at least to the annual Sum of *Fifteen Thousand Pounds Sterling*. If their Lordships of the Board of Trade were made acquainted with these Circumstances, I am apt to