

The right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lords of the Committee for Trade & Plantations having laid before his Majesty in Council a Report from  
S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Sewer K<sup>t</sup> their Majestys Solicitor General upon  
several commands of the Lord Baltimore as Lord Proprietary  
of their Majestys Province of Maryland which having been  
this day read at the Board as followeth (viz<sup>t</sup>)

To the right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lords of the Committee of Trade &  
Plantations In Obedience to your Lordships Order of Reference  
of the 19<sup>th</sup> of September last I have considered of the several  
Demands made by my Lord Baltimore in the province of  
Maryland & Represented to their Majestys by the Assembly  
of that Province & I have been attended by the Lord Baltimore  
& his Council & as to his Lordships first demand of twelve pence  
a tithe for all Tobacco exported out of that province I find the  
said duty is part of a certain Duty of two Shillings a tithe  
for all Tobacco exported from that Province Granted by an Act  
of the Assembly there of the 7<sup>th</sup> of March 1671 One Moiety  
whereof is by the said Act appropriated to the publick Service  
for the better Support of the Govern<sup>ment</sup> & the other Moiety which  
is the twelve pence a tithe now demanded by the Lord Baltimore  
is thereby granted to the Lord Baltimore to be received by him  
for his own use as proprietor of the said Province & that the  
said Twelve pence a tithe was by order of Council the 26<sup>th</sup> of Feb<sup>r</sup>  
1690 directed to be answered & paid to the Lord Baltimore as  
Proprietor of Maryland & I do not find that the Assembly  
do much contest my Lords right to this duty of twelve pence a  
tithe in the Representation they have made to their Majestys  
where they say they are with their Maj<sup>ty</sup> Royal Assent ready  
to confirm the same to his Lordship provided his Lordship grant  
the same conditions of plantations he did before the happy  
Revolution or the same that their Maj<sup>ty</sup> do to the Colony of  
Virginia to the Inhabitants of that Province but what those  
conditions are it doth not appear to me otherwise than by  
Looking into the said Act of Assembly in 1671 by which