

to be joynt keepers of the said seal and to sign in his Ldp's behalf all Instruments that passed under the same And in the late Commission from his Ldp constituting the said Coll: Darnall to be sole keeper (Itt has been supposed) there is nothing that revokes the former in point of signeing butt onely in the Custody of the Seal, And itt has been alsoe likewise supposed that the said Coll: Darnall ought to sign alone to all Instreuments that passed under the said Seal By which meanes divers Instreuments as well Pattents for Land as other things of as great moments have sometimes passed the seal with the said Collonell Darnall's signing alone and sometimes with the joynt signing of the said Coll: Digges together and with the said Coll: Darnall This Board having taken the Premises into their serious consideration are of opinion that his Lordship by his late Comisⁿ to the said Coll: Darnall alone to be Keeper of the Great Seal did intend the same Powers, Authorityes and Priviledges to the said Coll: Darnall, as he had before done in his joynt Comission to the said Coll: Darnall and Coll: Digges, And that the said Coll: Darnall ought to sign all In- and streuments that passes under the s^d Great seal himself Order only, and doe therefore hereby order that for the future untill his Lordship's pleasure be other wayes known the said Coll: Darnall alone sign to all Instruments whatsoever that passes the said Seal in as ample manner as the said Coll: Darnall and Coll: Digges used when they were in joynt Comission, and to prevent any disputes that may arise hereafter about the diversity of signing This Board doth hereby ratifie confirm and hold for valid whatsoever Instruement that have passed under the Great Seal of this Province either with the said Coll: Darnall's signeing alone or with the joynt signing of the said Coll: Darnall and Coll Digges by the occasion aforesaid.

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Councill opinion that Coll: Darnall should sign alone.

Confirma- tion of what has past.

Maj: Sewall's opinion to the contrary.

but over voted and the Order passed.

The hon^{ble} Maj: Nich^o Sewall desired his opinion might be entred that he beleeves itt was not his Lordship's intention thc said Coll. Darnall should sign alone but that Coll: Digges ought still to sign together with the said Coll: Darnall to all Instruements that pass the said Seal, Butt noe other Gentleman being of this opinion with Maj: Sewall the aforegoeing Order for Coll: Darnall to sign alone passed the Board.

To the hon^{ble} the Deputy Gov^{rs} and Council
The humble Petition of W^m Dent.

Sheweth unto your Hon^{rs}

W^m Dent petition. That your Pet^r understanding that the Clerks place of the Lower House of Assembly is now vacant by