

of opinion that the Governor and Council of Maryland be directed to give Sir Thomas Lawrence a Copy of the Articles transmitted against him and that he return his answer unto them to the End their Majesty's pleasure thereupon may be known and that in the mean time Sir Thomas Lawrence be set at Liberty and be restored to his places of Councill^r and Judge of the Provincia^l Court and that he receive no Molestation or disturbance in the enjoyment of the Office of Secretary of Maryland according to His Majesty's former order in Council of the second of March last and that permission be given in Maryland to examine all persons that shall give Evidence in this matter without any hindrance or discountenance to such persons as Sir Thomas Lawrence shall desire to be examined on his behalf.

P. R. O.
Maryland
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Maryland Port of Annapolis Decemb^r the 8th 1696 Liber K.

Then Came John LLeuellin Gent late Clerk of his Majestys honble Council of this Province before his Excellency in Council & made Oath that this Journal from foll* 1 to foll 133 does Contain the full Acco^t of all Proceedings had & taken during the Gov^t of his Excellency Gov^r Copley according to the best of his remembrance & knowledge

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*memd the above Reference
from Fol 1 to Fol 133 refers to
the Book from
whence this was
transcribed

Annapolis June 4th 1697

May it please your Lordships

Upon Perusall of a former Journall of Gov^r & Council in the time of his late Excellency Lionel Copley Esq^r we find a Letter signed by severall of us directed to M^r Peter Paggen & dated 21st of Decem^r 1692 & being apprehensive that his present Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq^r our Gov^r is very much reflected on thereby we humbly beg Leave of your Lordships to do his Excellency what Iustice we can by acquainting your Lordship with the Reasons & Motives of that Letter & what we know of our own knowledge of his present Excellency since that time it was purely at the Instance p. 275 and averment of his said Excellency Lionel Copley Esq^r & M^r Blakiston who was the only person with whom he permitted any private Conference or imparted Secrets to; both of whom did assure us that they had great Reason to suspect such things as are mentioned in the first part of that Letter, & said, that they had several Informations & should in some time get proof of such practices in his said Excellency Frances