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To Coll Copley upon Sr Thomas Lawrence's
Memorialis.

Whitehall

the 19th of Nov. 1691.

Sr Thomas Lawrence having presented a Memor^l to the Committee of Trade and Plantation wherein he seems to apprehend that you may have some Intentions to Lessen the fees and Perquisites belonging to his Place of Sec^{ry} of Maryland, their Lords^{ps} desire to know from you whether you have any such Intentions to alter the condition in Profitts of that Place from what was lately enjoyed by the Sec^{ry} of Maryland under the Governmt of the Lords Proprietors

I am

Sr

Your Most Humble Servant

[unsigned]

(Sec to Lds of Trade)

(Endorsed)

To Coll Copley upon Sr
Thomas Lawrence's Mem^l

To the Kings most Excellent Ma^{tie}
The Humble Peticōn of Charles L^d Baltimore.

Sheweth

That by y^r Ma^{ties} letter of the first of Aprill 1689 & by an Ord^r of her Ma^{tie} in Council of the 26th Feb 1690 and lastly by a second Royall letter of y^r Maj^{ties} of the 3^d of Novemb^r 1691 y^r Pet^r had leave for his Receivers to demand the Port dutys or Anchorage Money w^{ch} for many yeares has bin by law vested in y^r Pet^{rs} Father & himselfe as by the Law of Maryld has already appeard to the Rt Honble the Lords of y^r Ma^{ties} most Honble Privy Council: yet notwithstanding that Law and y^r Ma^{ties} most Gracious lres & orders thereupon Col Lyonel Copley y^r Ma^{ties} Govern^r there has forbid y^r Pet^{rs} Collector to receive that Part of the Pet^{rs} Revenue upon Pretence of an Act of Assembly procured there by him and lately transmitted hither w^{ch} y^r Pet^r has had leave to peruse.

Y^r Pet^r humbly hoping y^r Ma^{tie} never intended to take away any part of his property and Revenue settled by Law of that Province does therefore most humbly beseech y^r Mat^{ies} positive Comands to Col Copley to suffer your Pet^r Collectors to receive that Part of y^r Pet^{rs} Revenue according to y^r Ma^{ties} former letters and Orders thereupon and that y^r Ma^{tie} will be graciously pleasd y^r Pet^r may have y^r Royall letter before the goeing away of this Fleet

And y^r Pet^r as in duty bound shall ever
pray &ca.