

in as much as their Lordships conceive it to be a matter fit to be further examined and settled and that Colonell Copley is immediately to go on Board the Convoys bound to Maryland. Their Lordships desire the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lords Committee of the Treasury to give order that out of the said summe of eight hundred pounds for which M<sup>r</sup> Paggen offers to deliver Bills to the Receiver Generall of the customes, the sume of Five hundred pounds be paid as soon as may be to Colonell Copley upon Accompt. or in part of such further sume as may be allotted to him according to the proposition intended by the said order of Councill.

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Order for hearing Sir Thomas Lawrence and Coll: Copley. p. 234

At the Committee of Trade and Plantations  
At the Councill Chamber at Whitehall  
the 11<sup>th</sup> of December 1691.

Upon Reading the answer of Coll: Copley to the memoriall of Sir Thomas Lawrence touching the Perquisites of the secretary's Office in Maryland, the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lords of the Committee of Trade and Plantations Agree to examine the matter on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of this instant December at Five of the Clock in the Afternoon of which Coll: Copley is to have notice to attend at that time.

Mem<sup>d</sup>

My Lord President is desired by the Lords of the Committee of Trade and Plantations to represent to His Majestie that upon a memoriall from Sir Thomas Lawrence Secretary of Maryland their Lordships humbly conceive that the nominating and appointing of the Clerks of the Ten County Courts in that Province does properly belong to their Majestie's secretary, And that those places ought not to be sold But that in consideration that the secretary is to give sufficient security for their good behaviour it may be fit that the secretary be allowed to receive yearly a Fee or Gratuity of the Tenth part of one years value and no more, of each place from such Clerks as shall be nominated by him the said value to be estimated by the Governor and Councill upon a Vacancy

Councill Chamber

the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 1691.

Letter from the Committee to the Secretary of Maryland.

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After our hearty Commendations, His Majesty having been graciously pleased by his Letters Patents under the Great