Memd^m upon S^r Thomas Lawrence his Memoriall about the Clerks of the Ten Countie Courts.

P. R. O. Col. Entry Book,

My Lord President is desired by the Lords of the Com- p. 235 mittee of Trade and Plantations to represent to His Majesty 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 Majestys 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 15th of Decemb 1691.

> To the Kings most Excellent Matie The Humble Petition of Charles Lord Baltemore

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Sheweth.

That your Petitioner hath not received the one shilling Impost and Port dutys of the Commanders of such shipps and Vessells as Traded in the Province of Maryland the yeares 1689, and 1690, although by your Maues Royall Letter of the first of February 1689, and since that by an Order of her Matie in Councill bearing date the 26 of February 1690 Your Petitioner had Leave to Receive the same, and your Petitioner having now no Hopes left him of Receiving it of the severall Commanders before their Return for Maryland.

Your Petitioner therefore most Humbly prays your Maties Order that the severall Commanders and Masters of shipps and Vessells who did not pay to your Petitioner the one shilling Impost and Port dutys for those two yeares past may not at their Return at any time to Maryland, be cleared there, Untill they shall have first satisfied unto your Petitioners Agents there the one shilling Impost and Port dutys for the said two yeares last past as well as for the time to come.

and your Petitioner shall &c.

(Endorsed) Lord Baltemores Petition Recd 16 Dec 1691.