

Liber K. but reasonable that he should have such fees as formerly the Secretaries have had

He is assured that such fees as are properly incident to his Office he shall not be debarred of upon any score but that every officer ought to receive the fees peculiar to his Office for what shall be by him done and performed

He then desires to be informed what it is he may claim as his proper Perquisites

To which it is answered that it is required of him first to give security for his Place which he desires to be rightly informed what Security is required of him; he is again acquainted and given to Understand that the custom in other places is for four thousand pounds Sterl, but for that the board is unwilling to put him to too much trouble or debar him of executing his Office two thousand pounds Sterl with security will be taken and accepted of as sufficient from him he again moves to know whether he shall be required to give security before he enter upon the execution of his Office, and also whether his own Bond with such security as he shall take from the severall Clerks for their places to be by him assigned may not be sufficient

Ans^r He may Possibly take very slender security of the Clerks but the Country will undoubtedly expect good substantial security from him that will have the custody and keeping of the Records of their Estates &c^a

He desires to know whither or no the Records may be delivered him before such time as he have given such security as is required of him

Ans^r It is expected that he first give security

He desires the members of the Board every one severally to be his Security, which they all Refuse, he then alledges that an Act impossible to be complied with him is imposed upon him he being a meer Stranger and unacquainted in the Country.

Ans^r The Act is nee're the more impossible for his being refused by the Council for that there were others to be found besides them in the Country, however it is at last resolved and advised that he proceed in the Execution of his Office as p. 63 Secretary, and for any other Dispute as to fees &c^a the same is referred to the consideration and decision of the next Assembly

S^r Thomas alledges that formerly by Act of Assembly of this Province there was allowed to the Secretary of this Province a fee of £2. 1. 4 for entring and Clearing of any Ship or Vessell &c^a which when the Lord Baltimore thought fitt to take to himself, he gave them in Lieu thereof the Ordinary Licenses that since there is an Order of Council lately passed