

the Books belonging to your said Office of Secretary Whereof Liber K.
you are not to fail and so we bid you farewell from the Councill
Chamber at Whitehall this Eleventh day of December 1691

John Lowther

Your Loving friends

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Secry of Maryland

Directed

To our Loving Friend S^r Thomas Lawrence
Baronet Secry of their Majestys Province
of Maryland

in

America

At the Court at Whitehall the 21st of December 1691

Present

The Kings most Excellent Majesty in Councill

Whereas the right Honble the Lords of the Committee of trade and Plantations have by their Report dated the 15th Instant represented that upon a memoriall of S^r Thomas Lawrence Secry of Maryland, their Lordships humbly conceive that the nominating and appointing Clerks for the ten County Courts in that Province do 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 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, his Majesty in Councill is thereupon this day pleased to order as it is hereby ordered that the said places of the Clerks of the ten County Courts in Maryland be not sold but that as the nomination and appointment of the said Clerks is belonging to the Office of their Majestys Secretary the said Sir Thomas Lawrence and such as shall succeed him in that Office be permitted to receive from each of the Clerks in the ten County Courts in the said Province a yearly Fee or Gratuity of the tenth part of one years Value of each place and no more from such Clerks as shall be so nominated and appointed by him the said value to be estimated by their Majestys Governor and Councill of Maryland for the time being according to the said Report Whereof their Majestys Gov^r and Councill of Maryland and all others concerned are to take due Notice

Richard Colinge