

Revolution the said Bonner did demean and behave and carry Liber K.
 himself as a true and faithful Subject of their said Majestys for
 which cause the late Convention restored him again to his
 former place of Clerk of this County, since the dissolution
 whereof your Honours have likewise been pleased to confirm
 the said Place of Clerk of this County unto him, Now we
 being credibly informed that Sir Thomas Lawrence Secretary
 of this Province intends to remove the said Bonner and to
 impose a Stranger upon us for Clerk of this County a person
 altogether unacquainted with the same and in whom we dare
 not repose so great a trust therefore we humbly pray that as
 hitherto, so your Honours would still continue the said Bonner
 in the said Place of Clerk of this County, Wee humbly apply
 our selves to your Honours for redress herein and if it shall
 seem meet and convenient to your Honours we further humbly
 pray that this our present condition may be represented to the
 King and Councill

	And We shall &c	
Ferdinando Battee	Edward Carter	William Cole
Thomas Linchcomb	John Hawkins	John Willowby
John Watkins	John Iordain	John Larkin
Robert Lockwood	Robert Procter	Thomas Hughs
John Chappee		
John Hammond		
William Holland		
Henry Ridgely		
James Saunders		
Samuel Young		
Nich Gassaway		
Abell Browne		

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S^r Thomas Lawrence present at the reading and hearing of
 the foregoing petition makes his defence thereto and conceives
 that he hath sufficient power by his Commission and Instruct^s p. 92
 to nominate and appoint the Clerks in every County, and the
 Person whom he hath put into Ann Arundell County if he be
 not yet acquainted himself with the methods and proceedings
 of that Office may for pay procure and employ such Persons
 under him as may both Officiate for him and instruct him
 therein untill such time as he may become capable to manage
 the same himself The said S^r Thomas further alledges that
 he himself did propose and offer to the said Bonner that if he
 would undertake to officiate for and under the Person by him
 nominated as aforesaid for some time till he might be rendred
 capable of doing it himself, he shoud have and receive for the
 same the half of the Fees and Profits of the Office and that if
 any other Vacancy should happen he should be preferred
 thereto so that indeed he hath no reason to Complain