

Liber K. to have it and that if this Depon^t would Officiate for half profitts he would continue him in his place whereupon this Depon^t replied to his Honour that he had formerly Officiated a long time as Deputy Clerk in the said County and was now very unwilling to officiate for half Profits under any person for he knew how to get a great deal more by practising as an Attorney and when he was put into the said place after the revolution here (the former Clerk refusing to issue out writs in their Majestys names) when scarce any one would undertake to officiate in the said Office and place as Clerk This Deponent was willing to forego his Interest as practising as an Attorney which he supposed at that time might have been more beneficial unto him then the Clerks place meerly to serve their Majestys and the Country the said place being then vacant and that his undertaking to Officiate in the said place did hinder him from undertaking to do any other Business whereupon M^r William Dent coming through the Councill Room where his Honour S^r Thomas and this Depon^t were discoursing his Honour S^r Thomas went out and discoursed a Little while with the said Dent but what their Discourse was this Deponent knows not his Honour S^r Thomas coming in again told this Deponent he might continue in his place if he would give him a Bill under his Hand for three thousand Pounds of Tobacco for the tenth part of the Fees of the said place from the date of his Commission to that time, and that if the tenth part Came not to so much upon perusal and view of the accompts he would deduct out of the same what was over & above his tenth part And his Honour Sir Thomas

p. 101 also told this Deponent that he must give him Bond with two Sufficient Securitys for the due Execution of his Office in the said place & yearly to pay unto him a tenth part of the Fees and Profits accruing and growing due thereby whereupon this Depon^t replied that if a tenth part was due unto his Honour he was willing to allow it and as for giving bond for the due Execution of his office in the said Place that he had officiated as deputy Clerk, & Clerk for several Years but Bond for the due performance of the place before was never required of him nor any complaint for any misfeazance in the said Place was made against him that he knew of but if his Hon^r did require such a Bond he was willing to give it him only requesting his Honour to send up the Bond into Charles County and there he would give him security because he knew not well how to give him Security at S^t Mary's which his Honour was willing unto and requested this Depon^t to draw a Bond for sixty thousand Pounds of Tobacco leaving Blanks for the securitys Names after a Form he gave him to draw it by, and also to draw a Commission for the said Clerks place which his Honour signed and sealed and delivered