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confirmed, and your Petitioner is also ordered to abide by their determination, and also to refer himself to the said Assembly touching two thousand pounds security, which His Excel<sup>y</sup> and the Council have already judged fitt he should enter into, for the true performance of his Office, a precedent wholly new and never practised in this Province nor possible for him a stranger to comply with.

Your Majesty's Petitioner therefore his Protestation not being admitted in Council, doth humbly cast himself at Your Majesty's feet and doth protest and appeal to Your Majesty against these hardships and unusual practises, which he cannot but think illegal, and doth humbly pray that he may quietly enjoy what the former Secretarys always had, and what Your Maj<sup>y</sup> by your Letters Patents hath been graciously pleased to grant him, and that Your Majesty would please to confirm to him the benefitt of either of the two Laws of Naval Officer or Licencer of the Ordinarys, one of which or other was always belonging to his Office. That Your Majesty would please to command the said Order of the 17<sup>th</sup> of August to be recalled and vacuated and to order your Petitioner to give such security for the true discharge of his Office as former Secretarys of this Province have given, or as he reasonably may or ought to give,

And he shall ever pray  
Thomas Lawrence.

A true Copy  
Rich: Colings.

(Endorsed)

Rec<sup>d</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> January 1692/3.

Read 11<sup>th</sup> February 92/3.

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At the Court at Whitehall  
the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 1692.

Present

The Kings most excellent Majesty in Council.

Upon reading this day at the Board the humble petition of Charles Lord Baltemore praying His Maj<sup>y</sup>'s positive commands to Colonell Copley Governor of Maryland to suffer the Petitioners Collector to receive the Port dutys or Anchorage Money as formerly, according to two severall letters from His Maj; and an Order of this Board in that behalfe It is ordered by His Majesty in Council, that the consideration of the Petitioner's request be referred to the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lords of the Committee for Trade and Plantations who are to report their opinion thereupon to this Board that such Order may be given therein as shall be found requisite.

John Nicholas.