

year the same was given to a Naval Officer appointed by the Lord Baltimore as Proprietor and Governour of Maryland for the clearing of all ships trading to that Province in pursuance of the Acts of Trade and Navigation his Lordship became answerable as Proprietor and Governour of that Province that the benefitt of Lycences for Ordinaries in Maryland did usually belong as a perquisite to the Secretary untill by an Act by the Assembly in the year 1692. for regulating Ordinaries and limitting the number of them in that Province the same was vested in the Governour That notwithstanding by another Act past in the Assembly in the year 1692. for limitation of Officers certain Fees are allowed the Secretary for Chancery Writts usually issued by him the Governour did on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August last declare to the Councill that he had thought fitt to sepearate the Chancery Office and Records from the Provinciaall Court and desired their opinion in setting the Fees belonging to the said Office upon the person who shall be employed to manage and execute the same which Proposall being allowed and approved of by the Councill the Secretary thereby is deprived of the benefitt of issuing the Writts above mentioned. And their Lordships taking notice that by his Majesty's Grant under the Great Seal of the Office of Secretary of Maryland to Sir Thomas Lawrence all the Rights and Perquisites thereto belonging is given unto him Their Lordships agree to lay this whole Matter before His Majesty for his Royall Determination whether the Act for regulating Ordinaries and the Order of Councill of Maryland of the 17<sup>th</sup> of August last shall not be repealed the Secretary being thereby deprived of such perquisites as have been usuall belonging to his Predecessor in that Office and their Lordships will all move his Majesty that the Petitioner may be permitted to Execute his said Office of Secretary of Maryland giving his own Security in the sum of one thousand pounds for the faithfull execution thereof and that his Clerks may be obliged to give a hundred pounds security each for the due performance of their respective offices under him—

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Trusty and Welbeloved We Greet you well It having been represented unto us by our Governor Councill and Assembly of our Province of New York that our Revenue in our said Province is much exhausted by the great and continual charge of maintaining and securing our Fort of Albany the Frontiers of all our Northern Plantations in America against the French. We do therefore charge and require you to cause the sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds out of our Revenue arising in our Province of Maryland to be forthwith

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