

To his Excellency the Gov^r & his honble Councill
The humble Petition of William Taylard

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humbly sheweth

That your Petitioner had Contracted under hand and Seal ^{p. 172} with S^r Thomas Lawrence Secy of this Province wherein he is obliged to Depute & Commissionate your Petitioner his Deputy & Clk of the Provincial Court by Vertue whereof your Pet^r has Officiated & Acted as Clerk which said Contract by consent of both Parties remained in the hands of M^r Tho^s Grunwin but which since may it please your Excellency your Petitioner fearing himself to be under some mistake applied himself to M^r Grunwin for a View thereof who denied me alledging that he had delivered it S^r Thomas Lawrence from whose hands he could not get it, so it may prove much to his Detrim^t and your Petitioners utter Ruin unless relieved by your Honours in the Premises and for the better Confirming your Petitioners proceed^{es} and for Satisfaction of the People humbly prays an order of this Honourable Councill to Compel S^r Thomas Lawrence to produce the same before your Honours which as in duty bound your Petitioner prays may be approved of your Petitioner having tendred Security & still is ready to Comply with every Article of my aforesaid Contract your Petitioner further sheweth to your Honours that he has been credibly informed that S^r Tho^s Lawrence has used his endeavour to procure some other person to supply your Petitioners office so that your Petitioner will be wholly frustrate of employ which may tend much to Prejudice (notwithstanding your Petitioners Contract) therefore your Petitioner humbly prays some Commission or Authority to proceed either by Vertue of my Contract when approved of, or otherwise as to your Honours shall seem meet or else that your Petitioner may be fairly discharged from further Officiating and further may it Please your Excellency in order to his Discharge your Pet^r is ready by order of this honble Board to deliver such records that is in your Petitioners Custody offering to your Honours that a Record a Journall of the Lower house of Assembly filed in the Office with your Petitioner was taken from your Petitioner by the said S^r Thomas & delivered to the honble Coll Nicholson who Carried the same out of the Province Since which another Journall has been brought unknown to your Petitioner and delivered to his Clerk Your Petitioner finding himself not Obligated to ^{p. 173} receive the same without an Order of this honble Councill prays consideration of the Premises

All which your Petitioner is ready to averr and prove, and that for clearing your Petitioner from such danger and hazard as he may run under by means of the Premises being a grand