

within this Province standeth charged with several high Crimes & misdemeanors by him committed & done in contempt of their Majestys Royal Authority and the present Governm^t thereby here established contrary to his oath, the duty of his Place & the trust reposed in him, I Lionel Copley Esq^r Captain General & Governor in chief in & over this their Majestys Province & Territory of Maryland &c^a by virtue of the power & Authority to me in & by their Majestys Royal Commission & Instructions given & Granted do hereby in their Majestys Names summons & cite the said S^r Thomas Lawrence that all excuses set apart he be and personally appear before me and their Majestys Councill at the City of S^t Marys on thursday the 7th day of April next to answer the premises and what else shall be on their Maj^{stys} Behalf be then & there objected against him in the mean time I do also by Virtue of the Power & Authority aforesaid dismiss & Suspend the said Sir Thomas Lawrence from being a member of their Majestys s^d Councill and one of the Iustices of the Provincial Court aforesaid or in any other Part of this Province and likewise straightly charge & command him to desist from further presuming to act or Officiate as publick Notary and as such from making or signing any Instrum^t within this Province for any matter or thing whatsoever any ways Relating thereunto as he hath already illegally done whereof let him take due cognizance and thereof in no wise fail as he will answer the contrary at his Perill Given under my hand & Seal this 27th day of March Anno Dom 1693 In the fifth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord and Lady King William & Queen Mary &c^a

To Sir Thomas Lawrence Baronet
to be communicated & delivered to him by John LLeuellin Clerk of the Councill in Presence of Robert Mason Gent high Sheriff of S^t Marys County

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Ordered to be read the Oath of a Counsellor which was accordingly done and thereupon S^r Thomas is given to understand that the Board hath considered his charge and present circumstances that according to the Tenor of the Oath now read the Board hold themselves in no wise obliged to publish the charge against him that he is to be impeached before the King and Councill and shall in due time have Copy delivered him of his impeachment he is also let to know that information had been given to his Excellency of a Letter he the said S^r Thomas had lately received from Esq^r Randolph who also had approved himself an Open Enemy to their Majestys and the present Governm^t scurrilously railing at & Reflecting upon the same he is desired to Produce the

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