

whom we are apt & have reason to give Credit to) & M<sup>r</sup> Liber K.  
Fitzhugh as well as Coll<sup>o</sup> Digges who as his Excellency  
Observes we also find only taken notice of that M<sup>r</sup> Vansweering  
has passed his publick tryal at our provincial Court &  
confessed all the matter of Fact brought against him according  
to his Deposition

Produced & Ordered to be read a Letter from Coll<sup>o</sup> Henry  
Jowles to Sir Thomas Lawrence read accordingly & the p. 224  
further consideration thereof referred till next Council day at  
which time Coll<sup>o</sup> Iowles ordered to attend here

To his Excellency the Captain General of Maryland & the  
rest of their Majestys most honourable Council

The humble petition of their Majestys Iustices  
of Ann Arundel County

humbly sheweth

That whereas Sir Thomas Lawrence hath appointed one M<sup>r</sup>  
Briscoe for our Clerk whom we find very incapable & Unfit  
for the same & having seriously considered that both the  
Credit of the Court & security of the County lyes in an able  
Clerk therefore as we have in our former petitions to your  
Honours so now again we recommend Henry Bonner of  
whom we have had Sufficient experience to be very capable &  
fit for the same and humbly crave that he may be Constituted  
Clerk of our County

And we shall as in duty Bound pray &c

It being remembred and considered that Being imposed  
upon by having Persons unfit & incapable preferred to be  
Clerks of Courts of Iudicature is one of the Grievances of the  
Countrey & Charge against Sir Thomas Lawrence already  
represented to their Majestys to which this Board expect an  
answer they think fit to refer the Consideration of the fore-  
going Petition until such time as their Majestys Pleasure may  
be known

To his Excellency Lionel Copley Esq<sup>r</sup> Captain Gen  
& Governor in chief in & over their Majestys Province  
of Maryland & the Territorys thereunto belonging &c<sup>a</sup>  
& other the honble Gent of the Council

The humble petition of the Delegates & Iustices for Talbot  
County

humbly sheweth

That whereas formerly the honble Sir Tho<sup>s</sup> Lawrence by his  
Commission constituted and impowered Onc Thomas Glad-  
man Gent to be Clerk of our said warrant We finding the said  
Thomas Gladman every way insufficient & incapable to