

home, that he the said Watkins was not Sufficiently informed U. H. J. of the Matter, neither can the Papers relating thereto be procured, wherefore he prays a Reference till next Sessions of Assembly for hearing the said Errors, Time given till Saturday next the 5th of June for both parties to provide themselves, and then Peremptorily to come to hearing and Arguing the Errors aforesaid.

To his Excellency Lyonell Copley Cap<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> & Governor of Maryland

The Humble Petition of Henry Darnall  
Sheweth

That your Petitioner by an Order of the Assembly now sitting was Summoned to appear before the Same, and there to produce the Books of Entrys of Ships supposed to be in his Custody he having been Navall Officer in this Province before the late Revolution, That in Obedience thereunto he appeared and told the Gentl of the said Assembly that he did not know (as in reality he does not) whether the said Books be in his Custody or not and further said that if they were he did not think it safe for him to deliver the same or Copys thereof as much as he is but a Servant to the right Honourable the Lord Baltimore unto whom (as your Petitioner Conceives) the said Books do belong and who as your Petitioner believes would look upon it as a Breach of his trust in your petitioner to part with the same without his order that the Gentlemen of the Assembly lookt upon this modest Answer of your petitioner to be a Contempt and thereupon Ordered that he should be taken into Custody to the Great detriment of both his Masters and his own Affairs and as (Your petitioner humbly Conceives) Contrary to the Tenor of his Majestys Protection to your petitioner Granted, in Order to the Management of his Masters Concerns in the said Province Wherefore Your petitioner humbly prays that your Excellency will please to take such means with the said Gentlemen of the Assembly as to your Excellency shall seem most Convenient and proper to procure your Petitioners Enlargement that thereby he may enjoy the Benefit of his Majestys Protection and mind the Concerns of his Master in whose favour the said protection was Granted

And your Petitioner will pray.

The answer of this Board subscribed as follows Viz<sup>t</sup>

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By his Excellency the Governor & Council  
May 30<sup>th</sup> 1692.

The petitioner being a prisoner Committed by the House of Assembly upon their own Authority and for Reasons best