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Upon the Information of Majo^r Tho: Taillor of Dorchester Lib. R. R. R. County that by reason of the bounds betweene that and Sommersett County not being formerly ascertained, the Deputy Suro^r of Som^rsett County (as it now appeared upon the divideing of the said Counties) had layd out land in Dorchester County, contrary to the teno^r of his Comission and warrant

It is Ordered that caveat be Entred in the Land Office against the receiveing and recording any Certificate to be returned by the Dep^{ty} Surv^r of Som'sett County for any land by him surveyed in Dorchester County, and that for the future noe Deputy Survey^r p^rsume to lay out any Land without the bounds and limits of their County, without speciall ord^r from this board.

To the honble his Lsps Councill

The humble Petition of John Pearsons. Sheweth

That John Saxon Doore-keeper appointed by his L^{sp} to attend yo^r Hono^{rs} being now indisposed and unable to pforme his duty, is willing to resigne up his place to any pson whom your Hono^{rs} shall think fitt to make choice off. That your pet^r is and hath been for some time a Servant also to yo^r Hono^{rs} and hath Officiated dureing this Provinciall Court in the roome of the s^d Saxon, He therefore prayes your Hono^{rs} to accept of him in the roome of the said Saxon, and that he may from henceforth receive the benefitt of the said Office untill such time as your Hono^{rs} shall see cause to the contrary, which he hopes, and is confident shall never (unless meerely through ignorance) be Offered from him.

And he shall pray &c*

The petition was granted, and the said John Pearsons appointed Doore keeper to the Councill, & the ffees thereupon w^{ch} shall hereafter become due hereby settled upon him dureing pleasure

Ordered that the Kings Duties be secured by his L^{sps} Collecto^{rs}