

the House, to be a standing Committee to Examine And Audite ^{Original} the Acco^{ts} in the Message Mentioned. Message to the said ^{Journal.} purpose sent to the house by the Hono^{ble} Cap^t John Courts.

Adjourne till to Morrow Morning.

Tuesday October the 9th 1694 :

Councill again Sate & were present as before
Except M^r Brookes.

Read the following Vote of the house, delivered at the Board as follows Viz^t

By the Assembly October 8th 1694.

Voted whether Coll Henry Darnall his Lopps Agent & his Clarke shall not have free accesse to the Records of the Land office without paying any ffee for the same. Carried by the Majority of Votes that the said Darnall his Lopps Agent or his Clerk haue ffree recourse to the Record of the Land Office wthout paying any ffee.

His Hono^r S^r Thomas Laurence does say that he is con- ^{p. 35}cerned in this Matter & that the Act of Assembly of this Province has settled proper ffees for all Copyes & searches there had, being Records now Remaining with him in his Custody, but does Offer that Coll Darnall his Lops Agent or any of his Clerks may at any time come to the Land Office & in the presence of his Hono^{rs} Clerk draw out what he shall Require for his Lops Use.

And that he will Respit takeing any ffees, for all such searches & Copyes Untill his Maj^{ties} pleasure be knowne therein:

Ordered that Coll Darnall be sent for to know what he has to say, whoe accordingly appeared, & was again read the former vote of the house; his Hono^r the Secretary again makeing the same Offer. Whereupon Coll Darnall did desire the Opinion of the Board as to the Vote of the house in the premisses and soe with drew. Upon debateing whereof his Hono^r S^r Thomas Laurence desired that the Hono^{ble} the Sollicitor Gen^{ls} Report of the 23th of ffeb^{ry} Anno 1693 relateing to the Lord Baltemore & produced at this Board before his Ex^{ncy} S^r Edmond Andros in Councill the 2^d of October following, the Latter part of which Relateing to the Land Office being Read, his Ex^{ncy} made demand whether any thing had been done pursuant to the said Sollicitor Gen^{ls} Report & his Maj^{ties} Order in Councill thereon or noe, Viz^t