

Original Journal. To his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> Francis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> and Govern<sup>r</sup> in Chiefe of their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Province of Maryland.

The Humble Representation of their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Hono<sup>ble</sup> Councill of this Province.

Humbly Sheweth:

That Whereas upon the death of the Late Govern<sup>r</sup> Copley Esq<sup>r</sup> and an Assembly being then Called whoe in some time after Accordingly met at Sn<sup>t</sup> Maryes but because their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Covncill were not vnanimously Agreed in whome the president Shipp of this Councill then Rested whither in the Hono<sup>ble</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Laurence Barron<sup>t</sup> their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Secretary & first Councillor Named (or otherwise) in regard the said Governor  
 p. 40 Copley had Suspended the said S<sup>r</sup> Thomas & Coll Henry Jowles from the said Covncill & The Hono<sup>ble</sup> Ne<sup>a</sup> Blackiston being next to the said S<sup>r</sup> Thomas & Coll Jowles named in the said Covncill by vertue thereof & of the said S<sup>r</sup> Thomas & Coll Jowleses Suspension claimed the president ship as afd & altho' the Majority of the said Covncill were agreed and Resolved that the Right of the presidency did by their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Comission & Instructions belong & appertaine to the said S<sup>r</sup> Thomas, Your Ex<sup>ncy</sup> whoe by your Comission of Lievetenancy of this Province by the said Copleys death became Comander in Chiefe being then Absent out of this Province & accordingly their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Covncill or the Majority were resolved in a small time to Joyne with the said S<sup>r</sup> Thomas as their president or head in Order to treat w<sup>th</sup> the Assembly then met as afd as by the following Clauses in the Journall of the said Assembly Contained Appears Viz<sup>t</sup>

Saturday September 23<sup>th</sup> 1693.

The House Resolve themselves into a Grand Comittee to goe upon the Conference yesterday appointed and doe order and Constitute M<sup>r</sup> Kenelm Cheseldyn Chaireman thereof.

The said Comittee Returne to the State house where M<sup>r</sup> Speaker reassumeing the Chaire Signified to the house that the Covncill had acquainted him with their Receipt of a Lett<sup>r</sup> from S<sup>r</sup> Edmond Andros which specified his haveing a Comission for the Governm<sup>t</sup> in Case of Govern<sup>r</sup> Copleyes death & therefore thought the Conference needless & withall desired the Speaker to make knowne the same to the house.

The said Mentioned Lett<sup>r</sup> was brought by M<sup>r</sup> Sherlock Clerk of the Covncill of Virg<sup>a</sup> from his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Edmond Andros their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> of Virginia & delivered the 23<sup>th</sup> of Septemb<sup>r</sup> 1693 unto the Hono<sup>ble</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Laurence Baronet president of Maryland & by him Comunicated to