

Original  
Journal. or Act of this Assembly and that their Maj<sup>ties</sup> will pass a  
gratious construction of what wee with true & Loyall hearts  
& Sincerity to their Service haue permitted & Consented to  
in the premisses.

And they shall Ever pray &<sup>ca</sup>  
Nich Greenberry  
Charles Hutchins  
David Browne  
Thomas Tench  
John Addison  
Tho: Brooke

And S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Laurence doth humbly Represent in his own  
behalfe That on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September when S<sup>r</sup> Edmond  
Andros produced his Comission in Councill upon the Reading  
thereof S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Beleiveing that S<sup>r</sup> Edmond was authorized  
by their Maj<sup>ties</sup> to take the Governm<sup>t</sup> of Maryland upon the  
Absence of Coll: Copley & the Death of Cap<sup>t</sup> ffancis Nichol-  
son then Lieveten<sup>t</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> which termes are twice Repeated  
in the said Comission Speakeing then first in Councill did put  
the question whether S<sup>r</sup> Edmond and the Board were Satis-  
fyed or any wayes assured That Coll Nicholson was dead ;  
upon which Question S<sup>r</sup> Edmond Seemeing much vneasy S<sup>r</sup>  
Thomas did further add that it was a proper Question for  
that if S<sup>r</sup> Edmond had not Come into Maryland with that  
Comission their Maj<sup>ts</sup> Authority did fully Subsist in Maryland  
upon their Comission Given to and Executed by Coll Copley  
lately deceased & which in Case of his Death if noe person  
particularly Commissionated by their Maj<sup>ts</sup> did Devolve upon  
their Maj<sup>ts</sup> Councill untill their pleasure were further Knowne.

p. 47 But the Members of their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Hono<sup>ble</sup> Covncill Being  
unanimously of Opinion That S<sup>r</sup> Edmond Andros his s<sup>d</sup>  
Comission ought notwithstanding to take place S<sup>r</sup> Thomas  
did acquiesse not thinking it fit to Enter any particular dissent  
to the Gen<sup>l</sup> Sence of the Hono<sup>ble</sup> Board Least he might seem  
to shew a Spirit of Opposition to the concurrent opinion of the  
Covncill And which hoped under soe Experient a Govern<sup>r</sup> as  
S<sup>r</sup> Edmond Andros might yet prove most Advantageous to  
their Maj<sup>ties</sup> service

Wherefore for whatsoever fault he may haue Comitted by  
such his Consent he Obediently Submits himself to his Maj<sup>ties</sup>  
Judgm<sup>t</sup> and Most Humbly Begs his pardon.

Thomas Laurence

Then was Read the following Bill Viz<sup>t</sup>

An Act for confirming all Judiciall proceedings &<sup>ca</sup> from