

Randolph Esq<sup>r</sup> Deputy Auditor & George Plater Esq<sup>r</sup> their Lib. H. D.  
Ma<sup>ts</sup> Receiver and Attorney Generall take care to put in process ag<sup>t</sup> the said Cood, on behalfe of their Maj<sup>ty</sup> such part of the said sume as he shall not justly discharge.

Govern<sup>rs</sup> demand how he would pay the above Debt due to their Mats from Govern<sup>r</sup> Copleys Estate  
Whitehall

His Excellency demands of Thomas Tench Esq<sup>r</sup> Administrat<sup>r</sup> of the said Governor Copley how he would discharge & pay the said Money who makes Answer that he has paid out the said Estate already so farr as he has Assets, and for further satisfaction of his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> & the Board he Offered the following papers, Viz<sup>t</sup>

Maryland ss :

At the City of S<sup>t</sup> Maries, Novemb<sup>r</sup> the 16<sup>th</sup> 1694

The Deposition of Thomas Tench aged v<sup>p</sup>ward of thirty year, vpon Oath saith.

Thomas Tench Esq<sup>r</sup> his Deposition

That this Deponent coming to this City sometime Whitehall  
in September, A<sup>o</sup> 1693 after the Decease of his p. 96  
Ex<sup>ncy</sup> Lionell Copley Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor of this Province being at the house of the deceased, Coll Nehemiah Blackiston and M<sup>r</sup> John LLewellin shewed this Deponent an instrument of Writing which M<sup>r</sup> LLewellin informed this Deponent was according to the deceased's Order, And he intended to signe and declare it to be his last Will & Testam<sup>t</sup> but it pleased God to take him to himself before he could accomplish the same in which Writing this Depon<sup>t</sup> found nominated (as Trustees to take care and Manage the said Governors Estate after his Decease) Coll Nehemiah Blackiston, Coll Nicholas Greenberry, George Plater Esq<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> John LLewellin and this Depon<sup>t</sup> Coll Blackiston being then Commissary Gen<sup>l</sup> could not take vpon him the Administration, M<sup>r</sup> LLewellin excused himself likewise having so much publick business to do, they perswaded George Plater Esq<sup>r</sup> and this Depon<sup>t</sup> (being nominated by his Ex<sup>ncy</sup>) to take out Letters of Adm<sup>r</sup>con on the deceased's Estate, accordingly they did, but before they proceeded to Appraisem<sup>t</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Edmond Andros Arrived in this Province, and after he was admitted to Act as Captain Generall (as this Depon<sup>t</sup> was informed) His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> inquired how Governor Copley had disposed of his Estate, vpon which the eldest Son and heir of the deceased shewed his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> his ffathers intended Will, vpon pervsall of which his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> advised the said eldest Son & heir of the deceased or acquainted him it was his Right and in his possession to choose whom he pleased to administer on his ffathers Estate in his & the other Childrens behalfe, as the said Whitehall