

Power given to Geo: Plater Esqr to press horse or man & ca vpon suddain Emergencies

Moved by a Member of this board that care be taken for appointing some certain person for sending away dispatches vpon Suddain Emergencies or Receipt of Publick Packetts &c<sup>a</sup>: Ordered therevpon, by advice in Councill, that George Plater Esq have hereby full power to press any Boate, horse or man vpon Suddain Emergencies as afores<sup>d</sup> for sending away dispatches accordingly, to which all persons concerned are to give due obedience as they will answer the contrary.

Lib. C. B.

Abstract of Coll Darnalls Letter abt Land Affaires & ca

Read a Letter from Coll Darnall seting forth his Instructions rec<sup>d</sup> from the Lord Baltmore for opening the Land Office, and vpon the same Conditions of Plantation as before the Revolution, intimating that the Seale formerly made Use off for Sealeing Warrants for Land was now in the possession of M<sup>r</sup> John LLeuellin, and therefore prayed that the same might be delivered him, and lastly therein prayed Access for himselfe or M<sup>r</sup> Richard Smith, his Lordships Surveyo<sup>r</sup> Generall, to the Records of the Land Office, as alsoe Coppy of his Lordships Conditions of Plantation from off the Councill Booke without paying accustomed ffees due.

Sr Tho: Laurences Representation abt Coll Darnall & ca & Ld Office

Afterwards was read a Representation from S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Laurence seting forth Coll Darnalls Designe of Erecting a new Office for Granting Warrants & Patents for Land by a Comission from the Lord Baltimore, intending all such instruments should pass vnder the said Lords Great & Lesser Seale of his Province, by him soe termed, in derogation to their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Authority here & the open invasion of the Right of the said S<sup>r</sup> Thomas, through whose Office all Land Affaires have alwaies passed & still ought to pass, as by the ffees thereof by the late Act of Assembly may appeare; And further vpon the said S<sup>r</sup> Thomas's Representing that the said Coll Darnall does alsoe Claime Access to the Records of the Land Office from time to time, as he shall require, without ffee or Reward; to which praying that a stop to such illegall Proceedings & Demands might be put: Upon the whole matter it is the Opinion of this board that the Land Office now is in the Right of the said S<sup>r</sup> Thomas, their Ma<sup>ties</sup> Secretary of this Province and that all Warrants for Land have Usually issued out of the said Office Under their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Lesser Seale of the said Province and therefore Ordered, by advice in Councill, that noe Warrant for Land issue, but under their said Maj<sup>ties</sup> Lesser Seale now in the custody of the Secretary, and that noe person have

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Opinion & Ordr abt the aforementioned Letter and Representation