

also during the Govern<sup>t</sup> of his Excell Lyonell Copley Esq<sup>r</sup> his Ma<sup>ty</sup> late Govern<sup>r</sup> in Chief of this province; the Record being made v<sup>p</sup> answerable thereto; for your pet<sup>r</sup> did not in the least question that any Error could have been committed by him in following that Rule, untill the Assembly had considered an Alteration therein, which they have not yet done, notwithstanding your pet<sup>r</sup> did lay before the House (at their own instance) a List of ffees, by the Rule & practice afores<sup>d</sup> taken; Your Pet<sup>r</sup> therefore does submissively hope for & beg that a favourable construction may be put vpon all these Matters & his Request Answer'd in confirming, what in matters of Appeal &c<sup>a</sup> has before been past, and in suspending the aforementioned Ord<sup>r</sup> for the present Regulating of the ffees of both Courts, as is afore promised, & your Pet<sup>r</sup> as in duty bound,

Shall Ever pray &c<sup>a</sup>

By his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> the Govern<sup>r</sup> & Councill &c<sup>a</sup>

May the 18<sup>th</sup> 1696.

Ordered (at the Request of the Pet<sup>r</sup>) that the ffees due to him as Clerk of the Speciall Commission of Review, as also the ffees due to him vpon Appeals & Writs of Error brought before this Board, be left in suspense & nothing taken by the pet<sup>r</sup> vntill such time as the Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly of this province do declare by a Law what ffees shall be taken for the same, and that a former Ord<sup>r</sup> of this Board therein, be at present suspended, according to the prayer of the pet<sup>r</sup>

Signed p Ord<sup>r</sup> Hen: Denton Cl Concl.

Produced by his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> to the Board a letter by him lately Received from the hono<sup>ble</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Lawrence Baronet Secretary of this Province giving an Account of a most horrid & barbarous conspiracy intended against his Ma<sup>ty</sup> sacred person, and of the happy discovery of the same; Ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Speaker with what Members of the House of Burgesses are now in Town together with the Chief Justice of the Provinciaall Court be sent for to Attend this Board, that the same may be imparted vnto them, that the true Report thereof may by them be dispersed throughout the province for fear of false Reports; who accordingly came v<sup>p</sup> & the s<sup>d</sup> Letter was Read vnto them.

May the 19<sup>th</sup> 1696.

The Councill again Sate & were p<sup>r</sup>sent as before.

Whitehall

The Lords  
Letter re-  
lating to the  
Conspiracy  
read

Produced & Read a Letter by his Excellency Rec<sup>d</sup> from Whitehall signed by Eight of the Right hono<sup>ble</sup> the Lords of his Ma<sup>ty</sup> most hono<sup>ble</sup> privy Councill of the 10<sup>th</sup> of March past signifying his Ma<sup>ty</sup>