

Proceedings of the Council of Maryland, 1694-97. 467

Ordered that Commissions pursuant thereto issue forth of Lib. H. D.
the Secretary's Office, according to Vsual Custom and form
Constituting and appointing the Severall Persons therein
Nominated Justices and Com^{rs} as afs^d

Hen: Den- Vpon Motion made by Henry Denton Clerk of this
tons Motion hon^{rb}le Board that his Ex^{ncy} and Hon^{rs} would please
abt allow- to take into their Consideration, a certain Petition
ance for a to by him preferred in Councill, May last, relating to
Depty being Ordered an Allowance for the maintenance of a Dep^{ty}
Saying M^r Plater his Ma^{ty} Receiver Gen^{ll} could not as yet Whitehall
comply with the former Ord^r made therein, for want of the
Sherriffs Returns; the s^d Petition and Ord^r following in these
Words, Viz^t

To his Ex^{ncy} ffrancis Nicholson Esq Cap^t Gen^{ll} and Gov^r in
Cheife of this province, and to the hon^{rb}le his Ma^{ts} Councill of
the same &c^{ca}

The humble Petition of Henry Denton Clerk of the s^d
Councill.

Sheweth

Hen: Den- That Yo^r Pet^r has (dureing the time of his Exe-
tons Petition & Ord^r abt cutting this Trust) been put to great expence and
allowance for a Charge in keeping Clerks for the quick and Con-
Depty stant Dispatch of all publick business required to be Whitehall
Sent to the Severall Counties of the province Viz^t Proclama-
tions Ord^{rs} of Councill and other Matters incident to his Office;
which (dureing this time of Warr) have been very Numerous,
besides the keeping a particular Register of all those Concerns.

That the Journalls of the Councill Proceedings constantly
writ out (to be sent for England) are many, for all w^{ch} your
Petition^r has only allowed him from the Assembly, the Annuall
Sallary of Twelve Thousand pounds of Tobacco, and that per-
haps Ordered him in Counties where little Can be got for it,
besides the trouble of seeking after it: And inasmuch as your
pet^r finds the Clerk of the Councill's business soe great that he
Cannot possibly attend it to give due Compliance, without the
assistance of a Dep^{ty} does therefore most humbly pray this
hon^{rb}le Board that some way be found to have an annuall
Settlem^t allowed him, either in money or Tobacco, for the
maintaining such a Dep^{ty} and as in duty bound he

shall pray &c^{ca}

By his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r & Councill &c^{ca}

May the 19th 1696.

Ordered that George Plater Esq^r his Ma^{ts} Receiver Gen^{ll}