

Lib. C. B. At the Court at Whitehall the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 1693.

Present

The Queens most Excellent Ma<sup>ty</sup>

Lord Arch B <sup>p</sup> of Canterbury	Viscount ffalkland
Lord Keeper	Lord B <sup>p</sup> of London
Lord President	Lord Cornwallis
Lord Chamberlain	Lord Godolphin
Earle of Oxford	M <sup>r</sup> Vic. Chamberlain
Earle of Nottingham	M <sup>r</sup> Secretary Trenchard
Earle of Rochester	M <sup>r</sup> Chancellor of the Exchequer
Earle of Montague	Lord Chiefe Justice Holt
Earle of Ranelagh	S <sup>r</sup> Henry Goodricke
	M <sup>r</sup> Boscawen

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Whereas the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lords of the Co<sup>m</sup>ittee of Trade & Plantations, by their Report Dated the 15<sup>th</sup> instant have Represented to her Ma<sup>ty</sup> in Council that Upon Reading severall Letters from the

p. 67 Governor & Council of Maryland, to the Co<sup>m</sup>ittee, Dated the 14<sup>th</sup> of October, 21<sup>th</sup> of December, and 11<sup>th</sup> of Aprill last together with Articles of impeachment against S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Laurence Secretary of that Province Upon which Articles the Governo<sup>r</sup> & Council of Maryland Acquaint their Lo<sup>ps</sup> they had co<sup>m</sup>itted & confined S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Laurence and had dismissed him from being of the Council & Judge of the Provincia<sup>l</sup> Court. There appeareing to the Co<sup>m</sup>ittee noe ground for such Proceedings although the Allegations contained in the said Articles were true, but that the Proceedings of the Governor & Council in this Matter are illegall and Arbitrary; Their Lo<sup>ps</sup> are of Opinion that the Governor & Council of Maryland be directed to Give S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Laurence a Copy of the Articles transmitted against him, and that he returne his Answer Unto them, to the End their Ma<sup>ties</sup> pleasure therevpon may be knowne, and that in the mean time S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Laurence be Set at Liberty and be restored to his places of Counsellor & Judge of the Provincia<sup>l</sup> Court and that he receive noe molestation or disturbance in the Enjoyment of his Office of Secretary of Maryland, according to his Ma<sup>s</sup> former

p. 68 mission be given in Maryland to Examine all Persons that shall give Evidence in this Matter without any hindrance or discountenance to such Persons as S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Laurence shall desire to be Examined on his behalfe.

Her Ma<sup>ty</sup> in Council approveing the same, is this day pleased to Order, as it is hereby Ordered accordingly that the