

Lib. H. D.

By his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> Octob<sup>r</sup> the 13<sup>th</sup> 1696.

Ord<sup>r</sup> abt  
Birds &c<sup>a</sup>

Ordered that the sffes of the Severall Counties make Return in Decemb<sup>r</sup> next of what Birds, Wild Turkeys, Deere &c<sup>ca</sup> they have procured for his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> & th<sup>t</sup> they give an Acco<sup>t</sup> where they are and what they must have for them, & care will be taken that they be Rec<sup>d</sup> & paid for.  
Signed p Ord<sup>r</sup> Hen: Denton C. of Concil.

Decemb<sup>r</sup> the 9<sup>th</sup> 1696.

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

p. 422 Benjamin Ricaud & Richard Lowder of Kent County their Peticōn & ffrancis Twiford of Dorchester County his Petition, were both (being Read) Referred to the Justices of the s<sup>d</sup> Respective County Courts.

The Report upon M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Hemsleys paper in the Case of the hon<sup>rb</sup>le S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Laurence Baron<sup>t</sup> Secretary was Read and ordered to be given to M<sup>r</sup> Robert Goulesborough his Ma<sup>ts</sup> Councillor at Law for his Opinion and Report thereon to be made, and is as followes Viz<sup>t</sup>

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

Lawyers  
Opinion  
touching  
Hemsleys  
Answer  
&c<sup>a</sup> vide  
Ord<sup>r</sup> folio  
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I humbly Offer to yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncy</sup> my Opinion of this Answer that it is not direct to the Question for,

1: The Question was whether he had not made publick vse of them by Runing the Lines of other mens Land and taking pay of p<sup>r</sup>sons for Coppys and this he might doe and yet say he intend them for his private vse though he vses them in publick vses.

2: He says they are not now in nature that is noe Answer, for the Question went further (viz) if they were not in being what became of them whether burnt or how Else destroyed and that is not Answer'd and my Opinion is that he ought to make a plaine answer and such as he can give his Oath to, if by yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncys</sup> Reguard otherwise its plane he intends to Trifle & Evade, which is humbly Submitted to your Ex<sup>ncy</sup> by

Yo<sup>r</sup> obedient Servants

George Plater  
Will<sup>m</sup> Dent

I am of the Same Opinion R. Goulesborough

December the 9<sup>th</sup> 1696.

Whitehall

The Councill again Sate and were p<sup>r</sup>sent as Yesterday.

Coll: Addison  
appointed  
to Act in  
Coll: Jowles  
stead

The hon<sup>rb</sup>le Coll: Henry Jowles Chancelor having Signified by Letter to his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> was here produced and Read, that he is so very lame that he Cannot attend the business of this Court according