

Lib. H. D. Service although I can demonstrate to yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncy</sup> that the same has been out of my Pocket above Ten Thousand pounds of Tob<sup>o</sup> a year in my private practice by severall Persons that have been Sued and prosecuted in his Ma<sup>ts</sup> name whose Attorney I should have been had I not been Sworne in his Ma<sup>ts</sup> Service &<sup>ca</sup>

That the fees arising out of those Pleas Criminalls (besides that they are very Small) are due to the Attorney Gen<sup>ll</sup> from whom I have not Rec<sup>d</sup> any.

Whitehall Therefore in Reguard the Attorney may Receive the fees, and besides that, holds two other good places of proffit under his Ma<sup>ty</sup> such as Receiver Gen<sup>ll</sup> and Collecto<sup>r</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> Peticōn<sup>r</sup> humbly Prays your Ex<sup>ncy</sup>'s Consideration of him and that you will be ffavourably pleased to settle something of Salary on him for the time past and to Come that he may thereby be Enabled chearfully and diligently to Continue his Service to his Ma<sup>ty</sup> in the s<sup>d</sup> Office during his Ma<sup>ts</sup> pleasure.

And as in Duty bound shall Ever Pray &<sup>ca</sup>

The s<sup>d</sup> Peticōn was by Ord<sup>r</sup> indorsed as follows, Viz<sup>t</sup>

By the Hon<sup>rb<sup>le</sup></sup> his Ma<sup>ts</sup> Councill &<sup>ca</sup>

Decemb<sup>r</sup> the 12<sup>th</sup> 1696.

Mr Dents  
Case to be  
laid before  
his Ma<sup>ty</sup>  
& Councill

The hon<sup>rb<sup>le</sup></sup> his Ma<sup>ts</sup> Councill being Sensible that what is within alleged is truth, have therefore Requested his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> to lay his Case before his Ma<sup>ty</sup> and the R<sup>t</sup> hon<sup>rb<sup>le</sup></sup> his Councill in England.

Signed p Ord<sup>r</sup>

Hen: Denton Cl. Concl.

Decemb<sup>r</sup> the 12<sup>th</sup> 1696.

Whitehall The Oaths  
admr<sup>d</sup> unto  
Coll: Addison & the  
broad Seal  
dd to him

A Commission being prepared as above was Signed by his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> & passed the Broad Seal of the Province, the s<sup>d</sup> Coll: Addison having Administred unto him the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliam<sup>t</sup> to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy as also the Oath of a Commission<sup>r</sup> in Chancery The Broad Seal of the Province is Ordered to be delivered unto him.

Whitehall Ord<sup>r</sup> is referred to the Justices of the prov<sup>ll</sup> Co: for their Opinion abt the Court of Chancery & Gov<sup>r</sup> & Councils Sitting

Ordered that it be Referred to the hon<sup>ble</sup> the Justices of the Prov<sup>ll</sup> Court and Lawyers whether it may not be more for his Ma<sup>ts</sup> Service & good of the Countrey that the Court of Chancery and the Govern<sup>r</sup> & Councill for hearing Appeals and Writts of Error, do sit at the End of every prov<sup>ll</sup> Court, and that they make Report thereof to this Board accordingly with all Convenient Speed.