

Original Journal. The s^d Col Jenkins Returns to the Board & Reports th^t he has Administred the s^d Oaths &c to the Cap^t Worthington who took them and likewise Subscribed the Test and Association.

His Ex^{cy} haveing first acquainted Col Henry Jowles the p^rsent keeper of the Great Seale now lays before the Board a Certein Clause in his Matys Royall Comission to him for the Governm^t here whereby his Matys Royall Will is Signified that he shall and may keep and use the great Seale of this province.

Tells the Board that upon his Arrivall he did not take any notice of it but has now thought fitt so to do understanding the settling the Courts of Law and Equity is now under the Consideration of the Assembly

And the Councill being Severally Asked whether his Ex^{cy} according to the Tenor of his Matys Royall Will and pleasure Express in his Comission to his Ex^{cy} ought not to keep the s^d Great Seale who do all of them severally say that without Dispute he ought

And Col Henry Iowles being Asked if he has any thing to say ag^t it who say he has not.

the following Messages sent by his Ex^{cy} & the Councill to the house by Col Henry Iowles and Thomas Tench Esq^r with his Matys Royall Comission to his Ex^{cy}

By the Councill in Assembly Iuly the 6th 1699.

His Ex^{cy} hath been pleased this day to lay before us his Matys Royall Comission for the Governm^t of this province and therein observed a Clause touching the publick Seate of this Province in these words And our Will and pleasure is that you shall and may keep and use the publick Seale appointed or to be appointed by us for the province of Maryland as by the said Comission herewith sent Appears.

By which his Matys Royall Comānd and Authority to his Ex^{cy} to keep and use that Seale Appears plain to this Board and past Denyall.

It is therefore recomended to the house of Delegates to Compose such a Law to regulate the Chancery proceedings instead of the former as may Answer his Matys Comānds in that particular which is hoped may redound to the benefit and Ease of the people that are Suitors to that Court

Signed p Order
W Bladen Cl Concil

Gentⁿ of the house of Delegates.

Notwithstanding I have a possitive Instruction from his Maty for keeping the great Seale of this province I rather Choose to