

minutes therefore, desire to know if he may attend thereon and is told he may.

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Whereupon the Gentlemen departe this house.

Resolved by the house that a certaine opinion of the Kings Lawyers signed by George Plater W^m Dent and Robert Gouldsborough Esq. bearing date the 14th day of October 1697 wherein they have Given Councill to his Ex^{cy} the Governour in these words.

May it please your Excell^{cy}

We have considered the within returne of the Justices of Calvert County Court relating to James Crauford and we are of opinion that it is contempt in the Justices in not obeying your Ex^{cys} orders.

We are also of opinion that your Ex^{cy} may dismiss or suspend any person from practicing the Law within this province upon Just and sufficient cause shewn to your Ex^{cy} The process proper ag^t the said Judges is a venire facias unless your Ex^{cy} will be pleased to call them before yourselfe and the hon^{ble} his Mat^{ys} privy Councill.

All which we do humbly Submitt to your Ex^{cy}

Geo Plater

W^m Dent

Robert Goldsborrhough.

Is a very dangerous opinion tending to the depriving of people of their freehold and liberty upon bare suggestion, without any presentment of their peers and to the Exasperating his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r ag^t the Justices of the peace &c of this province unjustly for protecting people in their Rights.

Whereupon Resolved the following address be sent to his Ex^{cy} the Governour &c and his Mat^{ys} hon^{ble} Councill:

To his Ex^{cy} Francis Nicholson Esq^r and his Mat^{ys} Hon^{ble} Councill.

The humble adress of all the Delegates of his Mat^{ys} Province of Maryland now in Assembly sitting.

Whereas it was complained to us that M^r George Plater, M^r William Dent and M^r Robert Goldsborough had signed a certaine opinion ab^t Law which your Ex^{cy} was generously pleased to lett us have att our humble request, this house upon full hearing of their Argum^{ts} and p^rsidents, have Resolved that it is a very dangerous opinion giving liberty to the depriving and forejudging his Mat^{ys} Subjects of their freehold and livelyhood upon bare suggestions without any