

Lib. H. D. possible and if he Can Stay till the ffirst of April before he Sailes from Kicquatan where he purposes to make up the ffleet.

That he believes a Vessel will be dispatcht away from thence that the Reasons of their Stay may be known and Shall Send up a boat in few days, which shall give his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> a further Acco<sup>t</sup> of that.

ffeb<sup>ry</sup> the 18<sup>th</sup> 1696/7.

p. 460 Came and appeared at the Board Coll: Henry Darnall the Lord Baltmores Agent Signifying his Intentions of going for England this ffleet; in Ord<sup>r</sup> to adjust and settle severall matters and Acco<sup>ts</sup> with his Lordship. therefore humbly desires that a Pass may be granted him pursuant thereto; whereby he may not meet with any obstrucōn Ordered that the same be granted him and prepared accordingly to pass und<sup>r</sup> the Broad Seal of the Province; Provided he have made due Compliance with the Law of the Countrey in that Case.

The s<sup>d</sup> Coll: Darnall does futher Move that being Entrusted by his Lordship in the issuing and Granting Warrants and Patents for Land and the hon<sup>rb<sup>le</sup></sup> S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Laurence Baron<sup>t</sup> Secry<sup>r</sup> being by an Ord<sup>r</sup> of his Ma<sup>ty</sup> in Councill Dated the 13<sup>th</sup> of ffeb<sup>ry</sup> 1695, appointed to Receive the one moyety of the ffees but does Refuse to bear half the Charge of the Office therefore Prays the Opinion of the Board therein, the which being Debated upon and the s<sup>d</sup> Ord<sup>r</sup> produced & Read together with the Agreem<sup>t</sup> made betwixt the Lord Baltimore and S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Laurence in Relation thereto, S<sup>r</sup> Thomas does say that he has not as yet Rēcd: one farthing of ffees nor will not untill the s<sup>d</sup> Ord<sup>r</sup> and Agreem<sup>t</sup> be Explain<sup>d</sup> by the Attorney Gen<sup>ll</sup> and my Lord Baltimore in England, it being adjudged that the s<sup>d</sup> matter cannot be Determined here.

His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> is further pleas'd to acquaint the s<sup>d</sup> Coll: Darnall how that there lyes a Dispute still to whom Waifs, Strays, Deodands treser trove, Estates of persons felo de se insanæ memoriae &<sup>ca</sup> do belong and th<sup>t</sup> he would do well (now he is a going for England) for to Signifye the same to the Lord Baltimore and to intimate likewise the want of an Escheat Office here it being intended that these matters shall be laid before his Ma<sup>ty</sup> in Councill, who does say he shall acquaint his Lordship with it.

It is most humbly Rep<sup>r</sup>sented to the R<sup>t</sup> hon<sup>rb<sup>le</sup></sup> the Lords of the Committee of Trade and fforreign Plantacōns by his Ma<sup>ty</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> and Councill of his Province of Maryland, That whereas there lyes a dispute in this Province in Relation to Waifs, Strays, Deodands treser trove, Estates of p<sup>r</sup>sons felo de se, insanæ