

thereby to no purpose—and to add to the charge an ill convenience, Ordered all manner of persons that hath business at common law or Chancery to come there on all occasions, and also summoned all manner of persons, bearing any sort of Office to attend there to no purpose but to expence & trouble. Lib. H. D.

M<sup>r</sup> Richard Cloud, M<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Husbands & Notley Mattox, Witnesses nominated to attest the said Article, were called and sworne in like manner as the former, to say the truth of their knowledge concerning the said Article, w<sup>ch</sup> was read unto them; who upon their Oaths do say they are well enough satisfied w<sup>th</sup> Annapolis & have nothing to object against it.

16<sup>th</sup> Article read; Viz<sup>t</sup> He hath put the Countrey to an unreasonable charge his building of Churches too bigg & too chargeable for that Countrey, to the great prejudice of so good a worke, and upon land belonging to private persons, and in places not proper nor convenient to build Churches on.

M<sup>r</sup> Richard Cloud, M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Cooksey and John Shanks witnesses nominated to attest the s<sup>d</sup> Article, were called & Sworne in like manner as the former, to say the truth of their knowledge concerning the s<sup>d</sup> Article, which was read unto them; who upon their Oaths do say they know of no such thing, but are sensible that the Vestry of every Parish were left to their own discretion to build Churches as they saw fit, and as the 40 p poll would hold out.

17<sup>th</sup> Article read; Viz<sup>t</sup> There is 40<sup>l</sup>: of tob<sup>b</sup>° p head settled on the Church and Clergy throughout the Province w<sup>ch</sup> he abuseth by not applying it as intended, and Orders the Clergy to be defrauded, to the great prejudice of carrying on so pious a worke in that Countrey.

M<sup>r</sup> Richard Cloud and M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Cooksey witnesses nominated to attest the s<sup>d</sup> Article, were called and sworne in like manner as the former, to say the truth of their knowledge concerning the said Article, w<sup>ch</sup> was read unto them; who upon their Oaths do say that M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Davies Minister of their Parish was allowed more then his due out of the 40 p poll. And that they dont know his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> ever defrauded the Vestry of any Parrish out of the 40 p poll.

All the persons before sworne do again severally take their Oaths upon the Holy Evangelist that they never had the least notice from his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> or direction or knew what they were summoned about till their now being Sworn to the Articles before mentioned.

2<sup>nd</sup> Article read Viz<sup>t</sup> He collects & Receives money upon Shipps for all tobacco brought from Virginia and Shipt on board Shipps Riding in Maryland contrary to Law or any Act of Assembly, of that countrey.

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