

Commissioners Appointed

Lib. X.

{	Captain William Barton	{	M ^r Philip Briscoe
	Captain Iohn Bayne		M ^r Rich ^d Harrison
	M ^r Henry Hawkins		M ^r Henry Hardy
	Maj ^r Iames Smallwood		M ^r Tho Taney
	M ^r Ioshua Manning		M ^r Iohn Wildoe
	M ^r Robert Yates		

His Excellency demanding of the Gentlemen who were Ordered to see the Laws Transcribed according to their Lordships Order what they had done in Order thereto

The said Gentlemen make Answer that for the following reasons that they had met with great difficulty and have not been able to effect any thing therein

First that there are so few Clerks that they been much to seek where to find persons fitting to transcribe the said Laws

Secondly that all Persons Employed as Clerks to write any publick Business have been so much discouraged & so slenderly rewarded by the late Assemblys that no such Persons were to be had who would write upon the Credit of being paid by the Assembly.

And thirdly they know not how to have such Clerks accommodated when in Town

Whereupon the said Gentlemen are ordered to agree with p. 96 the Clarks that undertake the writing the Laws and to Assure them that in Case the next Assembly do not fully satisfy them according to such Agreement they shall be paid out of the qu^r part of the Revenue given for purchasing Arms &c^a

And it is further ordered that any of the Ordinary keepers do entertain & accommodate the said Clerks for which the said Ordinary keepers are to be Assured of the like pay

Major Walter Smith of Calvert County is told by his Excellency that he formerly gave him a paper of M^r Crawfords to have a return made thereto by the Iustices of Calvert County the said M^r Smith says he once delivered the said Petition to M^r Henry Denton late Clerk of the Council which not being fully answered he the said Major Smith says he gave it to Coll^o Bigger And that he will take care to return the same

But his Excellency told him that this was not what he was now sent for & asked him if he kept an house for people to drink King Iames health in & that he the said Smith & the Halls had thereby sufficiently Shown what they were, neither would there being Burgesses protect them from punishment when deserved the said Major Smith is told that Security is required of him in two thousand pounds Sterling for his appearance at the next Provincial Court to answer what shall