Proceedings of the Council of Maryland, 1696/7-98. 479

Read the petition of Mr Christopher Vernon wherein he Lib. X. prays to be discharged from his Employment of Clerk of Ann Arundell County & thereupon ordered that the said Mr Vernon do continue to Officiate in that Station until November Court next at which time his Year will be up but that in the mean time he have Liberty to Officiate by such Sufficient deputy as the Iustices of Ann Arundel County Court shall approve of

The Deposition of Henry Wriothesley of the Port of An- p. 109

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This Deponent saith that happening in Comp^a with Collo Iohn Cood & some others among their discourse a dispute Arose between the said Collo Cood & M^r Alexd^r Lumley concerning religion being Gentlemen of different Perswasion & in their discourse or Argument the question was put to M^r Lumley by the said Cood whether the said M^r Lumley did believe in Iesus Christ the said M^r Lumley Replied that he did believe why said Collo Cood do you think that God Almighty ever begat a Son upon which M^r Lumley quoted a text of Scripture written by S^r Paul the place where I cannot remember Collo Cood upon that Replied S^r Paul may be an impertinent writer as well as other men all Religion lyes in Tullys offices & further saith not

Hen Wriothesley

The Deposition of Iohn Freeman

The abovesaid Deponent upon his oath saith that Accidentally meeting with Captain Iohn Cood (als Code) late high Sheriff of S' Marys County in Maryland in the house of M' Iohn Evans in S' Marys City in the said County & Province he the said Deponent heard the said Capt Ino Cood als Code speak & audibly express in publick talk directed to the said Deponent some months before the said dept left his Lodgings in the said City to attend & accompany the records of the said Province removed to the Town & Port of Annapolis Anno Dni 1695

These following words vizt

That the priests of both the Churches Roman & Protest were Rogues and that it was all one to serve God or the Devil p. 110

for Religion said he is but Pollicy

Whereupon the said Deponent saying to the said Captain Cood als Code I admire to hear such things from you who as I am told are in holy orders your self the said Capt Cood als Code thus replied yes I am both Deacon & Priest in the Church of England