

would not take cognizance of your peticon<sup>s</sup> Action from Lib. H. D.  
which Judgment of theirs in allowing the s<sup>d</sup> plea good your  
Peticon<sup>r</sup> craved an Appeal pursuant to an Act of Assembly  
of this Province, which was denied him and consequently is  
left utterly Remediless, unless Relieved by yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncy</sup>

Wherefore yo<sup>r</sup> Peticōn<sup>r</sup> humbly Pray's that such Methods  
may be taken by yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncy</sup> in this Matter as may bring yo<sup>r</sup>  
Peticon<sup>s</sup> Just Action to affair Tryall upon the merit thereof  
And he will Pray.

By his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> the Govern<sup>r</sup> &<sup>ca</sup> May the 15<sup>th</sup> 1697.

The within Petition is Recommended to the Hon<sup>rd</sup> the  
Justices of the Prov<sup>ll</sup> Court to give some answer thereto,  
which done, Some ffurther Ord<sup>r</sup> will be made therein in a full  
Councill.

Signed p Ord<sup>r</sup> Hen: Denton Cl Concil.

June the 2<sup>d</sup> 1697.

Read the Justices of the Prov<sup>ll</sup> Courts Answer to the Ord<sup>r</sup> p. 484  
of Reference from this Board in the Case betwixt S<sup>r</sup> Thomas  
Laurence and Coll: Nicholas Greenberry, as follows Viz<sup>t</sup>

Maryland: ss

In answer to the Ord<sup>r</sup> of his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> and Councill to  
the hon<sup>ble</sup> the Justices of the Prov<sup>ll</sup> Court upon the Peticōn of  
S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Laurence Baron<sup>t</sup>

This is humbly Offer'd.

Justices of the  
Prov<sup>ll</sup> Courts  
Answer to S<sup>r</sup>  
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Ord<sup>r</sup> of Refer-  
ence.

That the proceedings against the s<sup>d</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Thomas  
Laurence by his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> the late Gov<sup>r</sup> Copley and  
Councill was Arbitrary and Illegall, but we doe  
not find or Apprehend that any of those proceed-  
ings were done by his Hon<sup>r</sup> Coll: Nicholas Green-  
berry in his private Capacity, but as one of his Ma<sup>ty</sup> Councill  
whose Orders and determinations We humbly Conceive lyes  
not within our Jurisdiction to question, which was the Ground  
and ffoundation of the Justices Opinion. And for not grant-  
ing an Appeal from this Court We thought it inconsistent  
with both Law and Reason to take Bond to prosecute in a  
Cause not Tryable before Us.

Besides the whole Cost which might be Recovered against  
the Plantiffe cannot amount to ffive pounds Sterl. Whereas in  
Appeals the Damage must be ffifty pounds at least.

May the 21<sup>st</sup> 1697.

Signed p Ord<sup>r</sup>

Christopher Gregory Clk: Ass<sup>t</sup> Cur Prov<sup>lis</sup>.