

Lib. X. themselves upon which he replied if I persisted in that mind no Patents should be sent to be recorded in the Secrys Office this Year & further threatned that he would cause my Lord to alter his method of letting his Lands in this Province & to do it by some other sort of Assurance than by Patents as usual & to Show he was in earnest after having said the same thing to my Self on board the Fleet at the capes wrote to M^r Will^m Taylard July 27th after this manner

I find Sir Thomas and I cannot agree about the Division of the Fees therefore the trouble of recording the Patents will be saved to you this Year for I am resolved now he is so unreasonably Stiff to try another course when I am come home at my return to Annapolis towards the Latter End of August taking no notice of the dispute betwixt us I wrote to Col^o Darnal & sending the Acco^t of the Pattents under M^r Carrols hand by M^r In^o Freeman received the Colonels Answer the 4th of September following & refer the Copy of my Letter and his answer to the Consideration of this honble Board but finding Col^o Darnal take no further notice of the matter on the 12th of October last upon Application to the honble M^r President & the Council I obtained an Order to the Colonel to Bring in the
 p. 308 Patents to be recorded in my Office according to the Kings Order to this the Col^o Replied that having been ill those Patents had not been sent but should so soon as he was capable of com^s to M^r Carrols house as by his Letter to M^r Bladen & to my Self of October 4th 1702 but perceiving that all was Artifice and Delusion on Col^o Darnals part I applied Again to the honble Board Nov^r 13th and had a further Order requiring his Appearance at the next Council in Case his Promises were not complied with in the mean time—but nothing being done Col^o Darnal did appear before the honble the President Col^o Hammond & M^r Sanders 28 of January last & notwithstanding I pressed he might then dispatch them being himself in good health & the Weather good & M^r Carrols house so nigh & not withstanding that M^r President Offered him time to do it by the latter end of March now coming that the Patents might be recorded before the next Provincial Court to be then delivered to the respective Purchasers Concerned yet did not the said Col^o Darnal refuse both these proposals giving no reason for his refusal but that my Lord Baltimore & his Officers were not to be tyed up or limited to any certain time but to do it when they can convenient or Words to that Effect

I do therefore in behalf of her sacred Majesty of the Country & of my selfe in due discharge of my Office lay the Premises before the honble Board and do desire that A peremptory Command may forthwith issue forth requiring the