

Lib. X. pass to oblige Col<sup>o</sup> Henry Darnal the Lord Proprietarys Agent to bring into his Office the Remaining Pattents in his Custody

Ordered that the said Col<sup>o</sup> Henry Darnal his said Lordship the Lord Baltimores Agent in this Province do bring unto the Secretarys Office what Patents are made out & remaining in his custody to be recorded in the Secrys Office pursuant to his late Majestys Order in Council in favour of the said honble Secretary

At a Council held at the Town & Port of Annapolis Wednesday August 18<sup>th</sup> 1703

Present

The honble Tho Tench Esq<sup>r</sup> President

the honble { Thomas Brook Esq<sup>r</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Edward Lloyd  
L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> W Holland &  
Col<sup>o</sup> John Hamm<sup>d</sup> James Sanders Esq<sup>r</sup>

p. 335 Produced and read the right Honble their Lordships the Lords of trade and foreign Plantations Letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> of April last

1 Recommending the due holding the several Courts of this Province & impartially administring of Justice therein without Delay

2 Secondly that an especial Court for determining small Causes be recommended to be established by act of Assembly

3 And thirdly requiring an abstract of the proceedings of the Several Courts of this Province to be transmitted to their Lordships

To the first part of which Letter this Board do say that they have not heard any Complaints of the Delay of Justice Or Partial Proceedings in any of the Courts of this Province But on the Contrary are assured that all Causes in the Provincial Court especially & Generally in the County Courts are duly Dispatched to the satisfaction of the inhabitants & Others Traders in this Province however this Board think fit to Recommend to the justices of the Provincial & County Court that they take especial care impartially to administer Justice in their several Courts & that no causes be continued Longer than the due Course of Practice admits unless where very good & Sufficient reasons are given therefore

As to the Second part of their Lordships Letter this Board humbly conceive that our act of Assembly for recovery of small Debts an Exemplification whereof is before their Lordships answers their Lordships recommendation

And as to the third Part Ordered that her Majestys Secry take Care to transmit to their Lordships such Abstract of the