

Lib. C. B. to the Value of Seven Thousand pounds of Tobacco yearly
 P. 55 is not altogether true thō S^r Thomas has Some Ground for
 the Suggestion. It's true The ffees of Searches are altered
 having formerly been four pounds of Tobacco p^a Annum but
 now four pounds of Tobacco for every year within the first
 five years & two pounds of Tobacco for every year after And
 two or three other ffees conceived too Excessive by the Gen-
 erall Assembly are Somewhat retrenched not but that there
 is Still a reasonable reward for those Services to be done by
 the Secretarys Clarks and had not his Excell^{cy} tho he declared
 it to be against his inclinations, and this Board Agreed thereto
 the Secretarys ffees for want of An Act of Assembly the
 former having been Temporary and Expired would have been
 as Precarious as the Ordinary Lycences were for near two
 years when for want of a Law there was no Authority to
 Collect them.

Whereas S^r Thomas Laurence Says that among other hard-
 shippis his said Excellency had done him he is Sorry to find
 his said Excellency had consented to an Address of the As-
 sembly to her Majesty to take away the Record of the Land
 Office out of the Secretarys Custody to be placed with the
 Lord Baltmores Officers on certain Conditions. Wee do
 Solemnly Declare that Wee know of no Such Address neither
 did wee ever hear of any Such proposiall made to his Excel-
 lency or this Board to that end or purpose And having made
 P. 56 Diligent Inquiry Do find by the Declaration and Oath of
 M^r Thomas Bordley Chief Clarke of the Secretarys Office that
 there never was any Such Transaction.

The Seals for Govern^r & Councill Provinciall Court &
 Twelve Countys were brought by M^r Evan Thomas & well
 approved off. And Ordered that he be allowed forty Shilling
 for each Seale to be paid by the publiq & recomended to the
 Comittee for allowance.

Also Order that the s^d Seals be used in the Councill Prov^l
 & County Courts

His Excellency acquaints the Board he had Sent the old
 Great Seale by M^r Evan Evans to Coll Blakiston our Agent
 to be Delivered to the Boarde of Trade &c. And Shewed
 the following Receipt.

Maryland
 Towne & Port
 of Annapolis

Memorandum that this Day to witt the 14th day
 of August 1706. I received of his Excellency
 John Seymour Esq Cap^t Generall and Govern^r in
 Cheif of this Province Two peices of Silver Plate The one
 Cutt or engraved with the Arms of England & his late Maj-
 esty the other with a Cypher W^m & Mary Rex & Reginia
 heretofore used as the Great Seale of this Province which I