

Lib. C. B. board It was ordered as it is hereby ordered by his Excy & the whole Boarde Nemine Contradicente, Viz

Maryland ss

By his Excy the Govern^r & Council

p. 87 Whereas we are Convinced by dayly Experience that her Majestys Subjects of this province Suffer Extreamply by the Corruption Ignorance and Extortion of Severall Attorneys Admitted to practice in the provinciall and County Courts without any Qualification of Honesty Experience or Learning in the Laws which may Entitle them to such practice whereby to the great Scandall of Iustice the Stirring up of Vexatious and Litigious Suites the Multiplying them to the private Lucre and Gaine only of such Corrupt practition^{rs} and to the unreasonable Expencc of the publick as well as of private persons by senseless and insignificant brawles Repetitions & impertinent Cavills the time of the Courts is Consumed and taken up for the most part in trifles for prevention whereof and to the End th^t none be Admitted as practition^{rs} in any of the said Courts but such as shall have a Competent share of Learning honesty and Experience (the Circumstances of the Country Considered) to recomend them to such practice, Wee have thought fitt for the Generall Good of her Majestys Subjects of this province aud toward a due & orderly Regulation of her Courts that no person whatsoever shall be Admitted to practice in any of her Majestys Courts within this province as Attorneys Except such as have been for some time members of some of the Inns of Courts or Chancery

p. 88 of her Majestys Kingdom of England untill they have priviously undergone an Examination of their Capacitys honesty and good behaviour before us and her Majestys honble Councill or her Majestys Governo^r & Council for the time being and a Certificate of such Examination and allowance thereon had under the Councill Seale Attested by the Clarke and of this all her Ma^{ty}s Judges and Justices are to take Notice.

Signed p Ord^r

W Bladen Cl Concil

His Excy Reminds the board that the Guarde kept at Annapolis is a Great Charge to the Country and whether it may be fitt to take them off or otherwise Lessen them The Boarde Nemine Contradicente advise that whereas Richard Clarke still Continues in these parts that it will not be Safe to dismiss the Guarde, however they may be Lessened to the Number of tenn the Comander and nine others.