

his haunts. And what is worse out of a foolish Concept of P. R. O.  
his being a Stout Fellow, and Country borne, the Natives being  
now growne up, and most of them in Offices, are very back-  
ward, if not altogether unwilling to bring him in, could they  
conveniently meete with him.

During the Session one M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Hill (Country borne) &  
a Member of the House of Delegates, was by that House expell'd  
the Assembly, for adhering to, assisting; & coresponding with  
the Said Clarke; notwithstanding which I am doubtfull

Wee shall allways want Iurys to do her Ma<sup>tye</sup> comon Iustice  
on the Countrye borne (as they call 'em) and am apt to believe  
the reason is, that the Assembly Anno 1694 (under a Specious  
pretence of the Encouragement of Learning, to which the  
Countrye has not Yet made any one further Stepp), gained the  
then Governour & Councils Assent to An Act for the Encouragement  
of Learning & Advancement of the Natives of this Province,  
By which her Ma<sup>tyes</sup> English Subjects are debarred from holding  
any Office of Trust or profit within this province, (not being  
imediately a Patent Office) untill they have actually made  
this Countrye their place of Residence during the full terme  
of three Years: And hence it is that no Ingenious Men capable  
of Serving her Ma<sup>tye</sup> or the Province will come here to Starve  
Solong a Terme;—Which if not remedied by her Ma<sup>tyes</sup>  
Disassent to that Law, I feare will be of Fatale & pernicious  
Consequence to Maryland; For Notwithstanding the Act of  
Assembly made in 1694 For the Erecting of Free-Schools,  
there is not yet So much as one Gramar Schoole in the whole  
province; And Yet the Assembly & other Courts of Justice  
For the most parte are composed of, & the Government on  
all Occasions is necessitated to comissionate, the Natives,  
tho' many times very ignorant & unfitt for the Offices and  
Trusts this Act of Assembly devolves upon them, which is  
only a particular Misfortune to Maryland. No Such Law or  
practice being in any other of her Ma<sup>tyes</sup> Plantations where  
all her Subjects Stand upon the Levell.

Severall Complaints being made ag<sup>t</sup> the Lord Proprietarys  
Officers for Granting & Measuring of Lands, Upon Examination  
It was found that his Lordps Surveyors Gen<sup>l</sup> Farm'd out  
their Offices in the Severall Countys to their Deputys (who  
are Generally unskilfull and indigent persons) at certaine  
large Sumes or Rents; for which they tooke their obligations  
whether the just Fees and perquisites from the Said Deputys  
accustom'd to be reserv'd to the Said Surveyors Gen<sup>l</sup> amounted  
thereto or not, which occasioned the said Deputys the better  
to raise the Said Sumes and Rents, to use many Tricks in  
the Execution of their Offices; Sometyes neglecting