

be granted unto me by his s^d Majesty's Commission or Com-
missions I will not for ffear ffavour or Affection or any other Lib. W. B.
Cause hinder or delay Justice to any but will truely Execute
the said Office and Offices respectively according to his Mat^y
Commission to me in that Behalfe and to the true intent &
meaning thereof and not otherwise to the best of my under-
standing and Judgement; I will not know of any attempt
against his s^d Majesty's Person his Rights or Dominions in-
to or over the said Province and the People therein, But I will
Prevent Resist and oppose it to the utmost of my Power and
will make the same knowne wth all Convenient Speed to his
said Majesty And I will in all things from tyme to tyme as
occasion shall require faithfully Counsell and Advise his said
Majesty according to my Heart and Conscience.

After which his Excellency declared that notwithstanding
he had received a Commission from the Right Honb^e the
Lord Charles Barron of Baltemore and the Lord Francis P. 52
Guilford his Guardian to be Lieutenant and Cheif Govern^r of
this Province, Yet He had not had the least Instruction or
notice of the Government being by his Majesty restored to
my Lord Baltemore. And having produced the s^d Com-
mission dated the 30th of May 1715. Ordered the same to be
read at the Board which was so done. And then desired the
Members of the Board Severally to give their opinions
Whether it be advisable for his Excell^{cy} to Accept of and Act
by the said Commission without some particular Instruction
direction or Notification from his Majesty or other Legal
notice that he has been graciously pleased to restore the
Governm^t to the Lord Proprietor since his Excellency now
Administers the Governm^t by Virtue of his Majesty's Royal
Authority under the Great Seale of Great Britain and accord-
ing to the Oath before recited.

The Board are unaminously of Opinion that as his Excel-
lency has declared he has not received any Instructions or
Notice from his Ma^{ty} or any legal Authority derived under
him of his Pleasure to restore this Government to the Lord
Proprietary He ought not to accept of or Act by the said
Commission or any ways resigne up the Administration of the
Government he now holds under his Majestys Authority untill
his Majesty's Pleasure is signified to him for so doing.

His Excellency having received a Letter from the Honb^e
Col Alexand^r Spotswood of the fifteenth of July last com- P. 53
municated it the Board as followeth viz.

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Last night I received the Honour of Yours of the tenth
Instant with a Pacquett Inclosed from South Carolina; I can-