

Lib. C. B. Villain and several bad Names and seemed much prejudiced against him, from which I really believe all the Difference proceeds I am

Your Excellencys

Very humble servant

2^d Decem^r 1746.

W^m Hammond

Lyde Goodwin of Baltimore County Merchant being a Person of full Age and worthy of good Credit and being duely and solemnly sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and saith That sometime about the Beginning of the Week before last He this Deponent was at Baltimore Town in Company with Col William Hammond & the Rev^d Thomas Chase of Baltimore County and that in Conversation with those Gentlemen among Other things he heard the said William Hammond ask the said Thomas Chase what he had to say or alledge against M^r James Richards of the said County, in Answer to which the af^d Thomas Chase said that He had nothing to say against him, for that all the Information he had against him was from M^r Pain

Lyde Goodwin

Sworn to before me this 3^d Day
of December 1746.

W^m Rogers

This Board having taken into Consideration the above Depositions and Testimonial subscribed by several of the Principal Inhabitants of Baltimore County in favour of the af^d Richards are of Opinion that the facts charged upon him in M^r Chases Letter to the Governor are not supported by any Proof and appear to them to be groundless and malicious

p. 280 At a Council held in the Council Chamber on the 17th Day of february in the thirty second year of his Ldps Dominion Annoq Domini 1746

Present

His Excellency Thomas Bladen Esq ^r Governor	
Benjamin Tasker Esq ^r	} Daniel Dulany Esq ^r Col Benjamin Tasker Richard Lee Esq ^r
Col George Plater	
Edmund Jenings Esq ^r	
Col Charles Hammond	

Ordered by his Excellency the Governor with the Advice of this Board that the present General Assembly which stands prorogued to the last Tuesday of March next be further prorogued to the Third Tuesday in May next being the 15th Day of the same Month and Proclamation issued accordingly