

Mr Edw<sup>d</sup> Boteler Clerk of Calvert County Court This House U. H. J.  
finds reason to believe, And It is therefore Resolved Nemine  
Contradicente that an Embezzlement was made in the said  
Record Book, And as this House cannot proceed to punish  
the Offenders They humbly desire your Excell may be pleased  
to command the Attorney Genl to make a due Examination of p. 16  
so hateful an offence And that Care be had to bring the per-  
sons Suspected to be the offenders (if found guilty) to condign  
punishmen<sup>t</sup> that such Abuses may not hereafter be committed  
with impunity

Signed p order Tho<sup>s</sup> Macnemara Cl Ho Del.

Which being read at the Board his Excell with the advice  
of the Board Ordered that his Majesty's Attorney General of  
this Province take care to issue Summons in order to examine  
witnesses & other needful Process ag<sup>t</sup> any persons he shall  
upon Examination of Evidence find reason to suspect to be  
guilty of the said Offence in order to bring them to condign  
punishment

And forasmuch as several Embezzlements of Records have  
been made in this Province Resolved the following message  
be sent to the House of Delegates Viz.

By his Excellency the Governour and Council in Assembly  
April 30th 1715

In compliance with your Request in your Message this  
day by M<sup>r</sup> Parran and M<sup>r</sup> Dashield His Excell<sup>cy</sup> has been  
pleased to order the Attorney General to issue Summons &  
other proper process of the Provincial Court in order to Ex-  
amine Witnesses & bring to condign punishmen<sup>t</sup> all or any  
Persons whatsoever who may reasonably be suspected to have  
Embezzled the Records of Calvert County Court mentioned in  
Roger Boyce's Petition

And whereas this is not the first offence of that nature that  
has been represented to the Legislature of this Province:  
His Excellency recommends it to your Consideration whether  
It may not be advisable to make a particular Law this Session  
for the punishment of such Offences which may hereafter be  
committed within this province

Signed p order W Bladen Cl Coun.

Sent by M<sup>r</sup> Secretary Lloyd

The Board adjourned for two Hours