

L. H. J. said oath has been since tendered to him which he has refused to take and subscribe.

The said M^r Carroll is desired to Informe his Ex^{ncy} and this board who are the present Surveyors General of this Province and who are to be the Deputy Survey^{rs}

Answer That he took the offices upon him in the Quere mentioned because he has for some years past been Intrusted with all of them which lay in the Proprietarys ancestors to grant without being in the least called in Question on any Act while the Governm^t was Immediately in the Crown and since his Matys Justice has restored the Lord Prop^{ty} to his Hereditary Right of governing this Province he thinks himself safe in Serving his Lordship in all the offices specified in the Quere till his Lordship's pleasure be known Concerning the Acts of Assembly taken notice of which was never assented to by the late Queen and as I conceive stands repealed by an Act made in the first year of his present Maty which requires to take the oath of Abjuration but that act haveing not been
 p. 190 under his Ma^{ty's} Consideration before he was graciously pleased to reinstate his Lordship in his Right of Governm^t nor ever assented to by his Lordship he does not think it a Barr to him from Executeing his Lordship's Comission which when he received it did not enter into his thoughts, That his Lordships Governour would require more of him then the Governours under the Crown ever did for these 25 years past dureing which time he has had the honour to serve his Lordship and the people of this Province without reproach and he believes that his faithful services and the Justness of his accounts with his Lordship's Ancestors was the only Inducement his Lordship had to Committ the receipt of the revenue of this Province rather to his care then to others who phaps were not so well known in the family.

To what is desired he answers that his Lordship has not yet appointed any Survey^{rs} Gen^{ls} Consequently there can be no Deputy Surveyors, but his Lordship and the Lord Guilford his Guardian have sent in 12 Com^{ons} for Surveyors with Directions to grant them to protestants in such Countys where his Lordships Surveyors' places were usually Executed by Protestants while the Govern^{mt} was in the Crown and that upon the death or Just cause of removeal of any such Surveyors or any other officer or officers in offices usually held by Protestants none should be putt in their Roomes but protestants, but none of the said Com^{ons} are as yet Issued because M^r Walter Pye and M^r Henry Sewall who have the Distribution of the said Com^{ons} haveing mett with some disappointment therein from the Governm^t (as they say) for which reason his