

his Lordship has not yet appointed any Surveyors Generall L. H. J. Consequently there can be no Deputy Surveyors thô he goes further and offers as an answer thereto that the Lord Prop^{ty} and the Lord Guilford his Guardian have sent in twelve Comcōns for Survey^{rs} with directions to grant them to protestants in such Countys where his Lordships Survey^{rs} places were usually Exercised by Protestants while the Government was in the Crown, and that upon the death or Removall of such Surveyors or any other officer or officers in offices usually held by protestants none should be putt in their places but protestants, But that none of the said Comissions are yet Issued Because M^r Walter Pye & M^r Henry Sewall have the Distribution of the said Comissions haveing mett with some disappointments therein from the Governm^t (as they say) ffor which reason his Lordship and the people of this Province (M^r Carroll says) suffer much Detriment, and the land office is in effect thereby shutt up for the Issueing warrants for takeing up lands without Survey^{rs} to execute them would be but a charge to no purpose. So that M^r Carrolls meaning may be understood that those Surveyor's Comcōns should be granted to protestants if in such Countys protestants had usually Excercised them; but what if Papists ever Employed them is not this a Sufficient Salvo that will square with his answer to Comissionate a papist to such Countys where those Comissions were ever held by Papists and then it would be gladly known which of the Twelve Countys he reserves purely for a protestant Survey^r that has not had a papist in that office unless Queen Annes County and Quere that.

As to the Disappointment M^r Pye and M^r Sewall have mett with from the Governm^t It is not known what is meant unless they have reason to think the oaths for security of the Governm^t will be offered them which is Supposed they take to be the Disappointment and which if they have no Comissions (as M^r Carroll says they have not) they need not be apprehensive of.

Lastly as to his Lordship and the people receiveing Detriment by such Disappointment It must necessarily lye at their Doors who refuse to grant Comissions to such who will Qualifie them selves for his Lordships service and the trust reposed in them and not in those whose duty it is to put the laws in Execution

A Bill for Confirming three several tracts of land lyeing in Annarundell County to Susannah Johnston her heirs and assignes for ever which was read the first of August 1716 the first & second times by especial order and will pass.

Ordered to be so Endorsed.