

Lib. No. 86 and therefore are unanimously of opinion: That on M^r Forster's applying that Security to the Payment of the Protest he ought to be discharged therefrom.

The Clerk also lays before the Board a Letter from M^r George Scott, Farmer of the Quit Rents in Frederick County which is as follows.

I desire you will lay before his Excellency and the Hon^{ble} Board of Revenue the inclosed List of Quit Rents due in Frederick County last Michaelmas, the sum at present is very considerable and is increasing every year and unless some Effectual method is fallen on to compel Payment out of the Land, there is no knowing to what lengths the Rents may go. The Accounts shall be particularly made out when required, that the Attorney General may proceed against the Lands, by every legal measure; and I beg leave to say something of this kind seems absolutely necessary, for it is impossible, as Things
 p. 101 stand at present, to collect the Rents of that County by Five Hundred Pounds p^a annum let any step be taken by the Collector that he possibly can. But if the Tenants find the Board does interest itself, in the Affair and is determined that his Lordship's Rent be duely and regularly Collected it is to be hoped they will be more punctual in their Payments, to prevent Trouble & Expence to themselves. I wait the Hon^{ble} Board's determination in the matter and at the same time hope they will please to order what is to be done with regard to those Tracts of Land that are Cut by the Pensylvania Line. I am &c.

P. S. Perhaps a sharp Letter from you by order of the Board to those Gent^l marked V may do the Business.

Ordered, that the Clerk do deliver the foregoing Letter to his Lordship's Attorney General with the List of Defaulters in Payment and the sums due, that he may take the necessary Steps to compel payment.

M^r William Thomas represents, by Letter to the Board, that several of the Farmers on the Eastern Shore have not as yet settled their Accounts for the year 1769. Ordered that the Clerk by Letter inform such delinquent Farmers, that unless they comply with their Instructions by making an immediate Settlement, their office Bonds will be put in Suit.

John Morton Jordan, Esq. attends the Board, and informs, that M^r Theophilus Hanson, Surveyor of Charles County, has returned Certificates of Surveys made by him lying and being within three Miles of his Lordship's manors. Ordered