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Commission was procured by the Interest of the said Tench Francis from Edmund Jenings Esq^r Secretary of Maryland or his Attorney in Fact, but the same was signed by the said Jenings. Upon the Obtaining of which Commission the said Thomas Bullen Entered into a Bond with the said Tench and Richard Francis as Sureties to the said Edmund Jenings conditioned for payment unto the said Edmund Jenings of the tenth part of the Fees that should arise on the said Office of Clerk of Talbot County aforesaid and further that he the said Thomas Bullen with Risdén Bozman and the said Tench Francis as his Securities Entered into Bond to the County Court aforesaid agreeable to the Act of Assembly in that case made and Provided and that after he had the Commission entered into the Securities aforesaid he Executed the place of Clerk of the said County from the first day of June 1734 until the 10th day of July 1738 and during the said time discharged the Business of Clerk aforesaid under the Conditions and Articles aforesaid and during which time also the said Tench Francis received all the profits of the office save the Salary contracted to be by the said Tench Francis paid to the said Thomas Bullen and the tenth part to be by the said Thomas Bullen paid to the said Secretary which the said Thomas yearly paid by an Order on the Sheriff of the said County that after the said Thomas had been some time in the Land Office the said Tench Francis told him the said Thomas that he had paid Two hundred Pound for the same and in some time after on discourse between the said Tench Francis and the said Thomas he the said Tench told him that the said Jenings had publick said that he the said Jenings had received of him the said Tench One hundred pounds for the said Office that some time in the year 1738 the said Thomas Bullen being summoned to attend the Honourable the House of Delegates then sitting in Annapolis John Leeds of Talbot County came to him the said Thomas and told him that M^r Tench Francis wanted to speak with him upon which he went to the House of the said Richard Francis and the said Tench came to the door and took him into A Room and told him the said Thomas Bullen that the said Leeds had been with him and had offered him a Sum of Money for the Clerks place aforesaid and that he the said Thomas must Resign it upon which the said Thomas told him it was hard to resign at that Time when the country were in a ferment about the matter and that if he must resign he would choose to do it when the matter was over and quiet and which would be in a few months In answer to which the said Tench said that it must be then for that he intended to leave the parts and Resolved to go to Philadelphia upon which the said Thomas told him the people would Sacrifice him the said Thomas, and asked what would become of him In answer to which the said Francis told him that he should come to no harm or be hurt on which the said Thomas told him he would Resign whereupon the said Tench desired him the said Thomas to go to the said Leeds