

pointed to procure and Transmit the Records and Papers as aforesaid in discharge of the Trust reposed in them, by several Letters directed to M^r William Ghiselin, Deputy Clerk of the Provincial Court, under Edmund Jenings Esq^r Secretary and to M^r Griffith Beddoe Deputy Register of the Land Office under Levin Gale, Esq^r applied to the said Clerks for Copies of sundry Records, such as they adjudged necessary for the Purposes aforesaid, and were refused the same on the Publick Account; which said Letters and answers on the first day of August last were laid before his Excellency the Governor in Council, at which Board were Present

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His Excellency the Governor

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		Benjamin Tasker, Esq ^r	Col ^o Hammond
		Philip Lee, Esq ^r	Col ^o Gale
		George Plater, Esq ^r	James Harris Esq ^r
		Edmund Jenings, Esq ^r	

Who made the following Order, Upon Consideration whereof this Board is of Opinion That no Members of the Lower House can be qualified by Virtue of any Order made in the last Convention of Assembly, to Act as a Committee of the said House after the Prorogation and during the Interval of the Assembly, and that the Exercise of any such Authority or Power is unwarrantable and illegal but tends to an Enchroachment on, and has a Tendency to overthrow the Authority which every Governor in his Majestys Dominions is invested with of Proroguing and Dissolving Assemblies, and that therefore it might be of very mischievous Consequence to give the least Countenance to such a Proceeding, even by Overlooking it, or not taking a due Notice thereof.

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Wherefore this Board is of Opinion, that every Officer should be cautioned and directed not to Submit to, or Comply with any Command, Request, or Application made or to be made, by, or under the pretended Authority of any such Committee.

But forasmuch as this Board out of a dutiful Regard to his Majestys Authority, and sincere desire for the Welfare and Satisfaction of the good People of Maryland, who may be made uneasy by notions of imaginary Grievances, while they neglect their true and real Interest, is unwilling to give the least Stop or Hindrance to any Application to the Throne from his Majestys Subjects in this Province, on Account of the Irregularity of the Proceedings or ill Practises of any of their Representatives, It is Ordered, that the Chief Clerks of the Provincial and Land Office, shall transcribe Copies of all such Writings and Papers in the said Office as shall be thought necessary to carry on such Application, and shall be thought necessary to Applied for by any Person whatsoever, such Person paying or securing the usual Fees due for such Services.

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