

L. H. J.
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was well known never to have come to their Hands; yet the Juries have been of Opinion, that Payments made to their Clerk shall be taken as Payments made to the Commissioners themselves; and so both Juries have given their Verdicts.

The Causes still depending on the several Sheriffs Bonds, I believe are all circumstanced like this, the Pleadings and Issues are the same, and I presume the Evidence is alike.

I have now given your Excellency all the Account I am able of the several Sheriffs Bonds under my Direction; that of the Naval Officer's is abated, as I have already mentioned; and that of the late Treasurer's, I mean Mr. Ungle's, seems to me to be irrecoverably lost, or if to be had, to be recovered only of the Executors of Richard Bennett, deceased. I cannot give your Excellency a better and more full State of that Case, than by inclosing a Copy of the Report of the Committee appointed to inspect the Arms, Ammunition, and Accounts relating thereto, September 27, 1745; to which I must pray Leave to refer you. p. 55

I don't remember that there is, or has been, any Thing else of a public Concern immediately under my Management or Direction, unless it was that at the Time of Mr. Hyde's sailing; and when the whole Country seemed to be thrown into some Confusion on that Incident, I received verbal Orders from the late Governor, to use my Endeavours to secure to the Public the Money which had been lodged in Mr. Hyde's Hands, for the Purchase of Arms and Ammunition; and on the same Day I received those Orders, I issued out a Writ in his Lordship's Name against the said Samuel Hyde, in order to obtain an Attachment for his Effects; but when the said Writ was returned, we could not find any of his Effects, or indeed any Person indebted to Hyde, in whose Hands we could lay our Attachment; and so the Suit became fruitless and of no Avail.

Thus, Sir, I have done myself the Honour to lay before you the State and Condition of the several Suits I have received Orders from the Government to commence: I flatter myself that I have not been wanting in my Duty; but I fear, that the public Expectations will not be answered: However, I shall proceed to discharge the Part assigned me, and endeavour always to approve myself

Your Excellency's Most obedient, and

Very humble Servant,

H. Darnall.

December 27, 1749.

P. S. I take the Liberty further to inform your Excellency, that since I wrote the within State of the sundry Affairs committed to my Management, I have had an Opportunity of seeing a Receipt given to Mr. Jeremiah Nicholls; which was given in Evidence on Tryals abovementioned, the Lord Proprietary against Tripp; and I find it to be in the Words and Figures following; viz.