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Given under the great Seal of the State of Maryland this twentieth Day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Eighty four, and in the Sovereignty and Independence of the United States of America the Eighth. W^m Paca.
By His Excellencys command
T Johnson J^r Sec^y.
God save the State—
The Council adjourned 'till to morrow morning 11 °Clock.

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Wednesday 21st January 1784.
The Council met.
Present The Honorable, Gab^l Duvall, John H Stone, John Davidson & Charles Wallace Esq^{rs}
The Board agree to allow M^r William Hyde seventeen shillings and six pence per Day for acting as Assistant Clerk to the Council from the 23^d January 1783 to the 10th of April 1783.—
The Council adjourned 'till tomorrow morning 11 °Clock.—

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Thursday 22^d January 1784
The Council met
Present His Excellency William Paca Esquire Governor
The Hon'ble Gab^l Duvall, John H Stone, John Davidson & Charles Wallace Esquires
Commission issued to Theophilus Hanson appointed Surveyor of Charles County in the room of Thomas M^cPherson, deceased,—
The Council adjourned 'till tomorrow morning 11 °Clock.—

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[W^m Paca, Council, to John Callahan.]
In answer to your Letter requesting our Advice on the Subject of it We are of Opinion that those Patents which have been improperly and unwarrantably signed by Sir Robert Eden since his return to this State, are void and ought not to be recorded—With regard to such of them as you have recorded before you had knowledge of the above Circumstance with respect to the signing, we think the Affair must be submitted to the Interposition of the Legislature who alone are competent to direct those Patents to be erased from the Records.

We have written to Sir Robert on this Business whose Answer and the whole Transaction we shall lay before the General Assembly: he informs us that the Patents which remain in his Possession