

ereign Lady Queen Anne of Great Britian, France & Ireland, defender of the faith, etc., held for hearing Appeals and regulating Writs of Error," "At a meeting of the Council of State * * to hear Appeals and Writs of Error." But in 1720, when William Cumming was clerk, a settled, permanent official form, used with slight departures up to 1776, was adopted: "At a Court of Appeals (or Appeals & Errors), held before his Excellency the Governor and his Lordship's Honorable Council for hearing Appeals and Writs of Error in the Council Chamber in the Port of Annapolis, etc." The insertion of the reference to the council chamber suggests conformity to the old writ of error in Parliament which regularly contained it, *in camera consilii, vocata le council chamber*.¹⁶ Separate, special sessions were held and both the judges and the clerk took special oaths for this judicial work.

In addition to the full record of proceedings up to 1728 contained in the book H. D. No. 1, the papers in all but a few of the earliest cases sent to the Governor and Council from 1695 to 1776, are extant, in the possession of the present court, including in the several cases the transcripts of records from the trial courts, the writs of error, assignments of error and reasons for appeal, and the various writs issued by the appellate court; and also returns from further appeals to the King in Council. In the bundles with them are found also the records and proceedings of courts of delegates. The bundles contain in addition a few miscellaneous original papers, such as deeds, wills, patents,

16. Placita Latine Rediviva, (1661), 314.